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DETHRONE THE
"KING OF WRESTLING?"**

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TERRY FUNK'S LAST MATCH**



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Starting with borrowed money, in just eight years I gained financial security, sold out at a profit and retired.

"Not until I was forty did I make up my mind that I was going to retire before ten years had passed. I knew I couldn't do it on a salary, no matter how good. I knew I couldn't do it working for others. It was perfectly obvious to me that I had to start a business of my own. But that posed a problem. What kind of business? Most of my money was tied up. Temporarily I was broke. But, when I found the business I wanted I was able to start it for a small amount of borrowed money.

"To pyramid this investment into retirement in less than ten years seems like magic, but in my opinion any man in good health who has the same ambition and drive that motivated me, could achieve such a goal. Let me give you a little history.

"I finished high school at the age of 18 and got a job as a shipping clerk. My next job was butchering at a plant that processed boneless beef. Couldn't see much future there. Next, I got a job as a Greyhound Bus Driver. The money was good. The work was pleasant, but I couldn't see it as leading to retirement. Finally I took the plunge and went into business for myself.

"I managed to raise enough money with my savings to invest in a combination motel, restaurant, grocery, and service station. It didn't take long to get my eyes opened. In order to keep that

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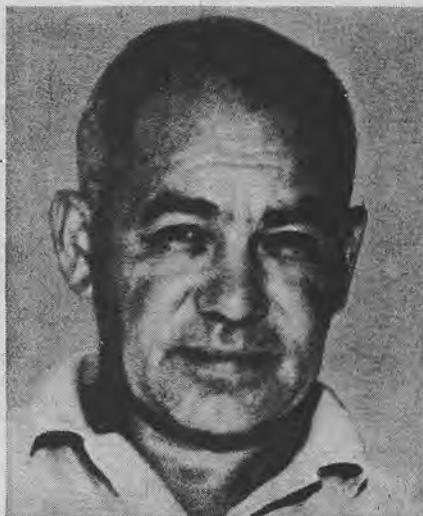
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a true story
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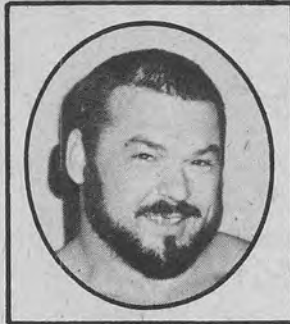
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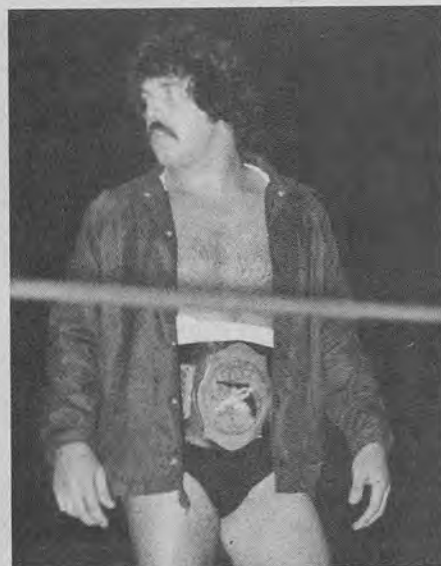
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"I'm laying a lot on the line and
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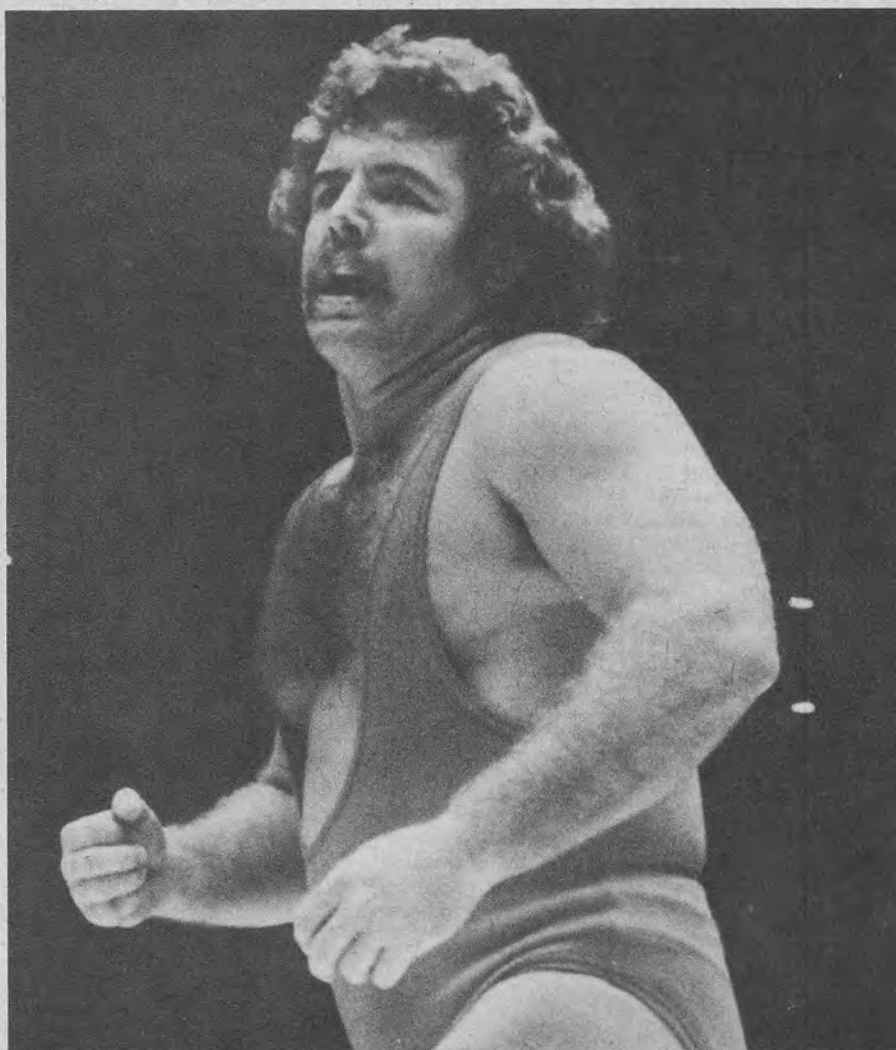
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THE ANSWERS:

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Billy Kenny, Trenton, New Jersey:

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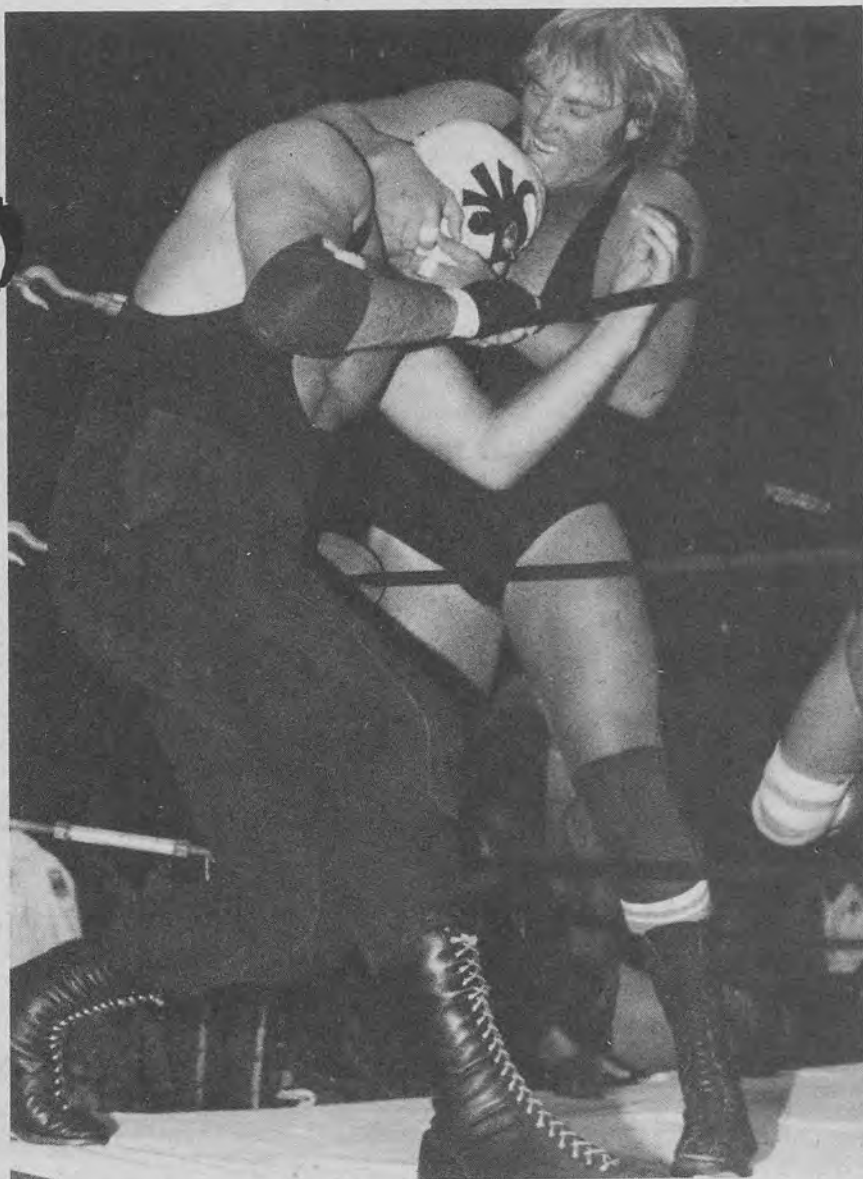
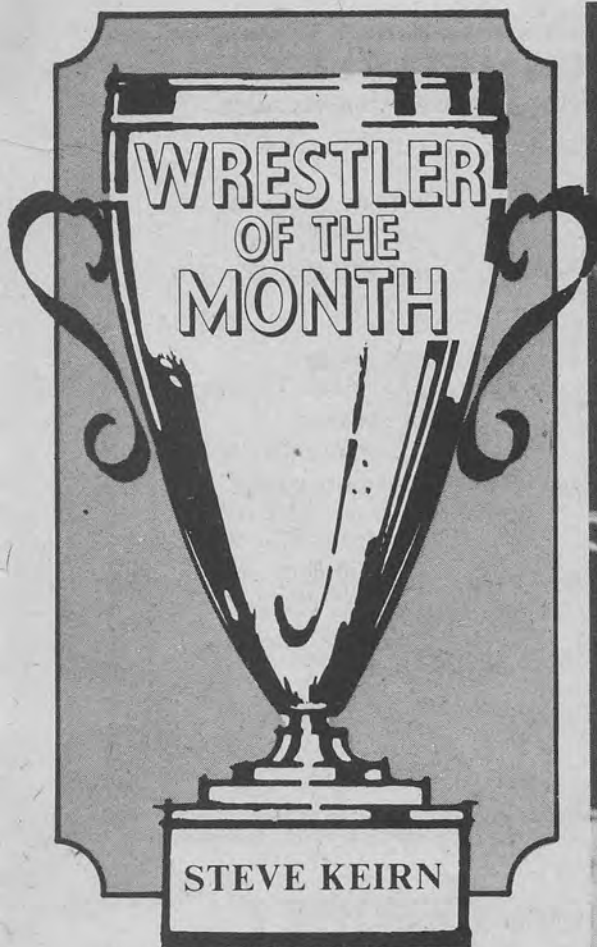
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WINNING WRESTLING MATCHES is a difficult goal to realize. Returning from a crippling injury is even harder. But to return to that form that once made you a champion is the supreme test.

Steve Keirn has done this. He is once again wrestling with longtime partner Mike Graham, and the duo has one objective in mind: The Florida Tag Team title.

Keirn has exhibited an overwhelming abundance of courage, determination and intensity in returning to battle the greatest wrestlers in the world. He had suffered a broken leg after a sneak attack by reprehensible

Florida rulebreaker Pak Song.

The leg is healed. The surgical and emotional scars remain. But Keirn grapples doggedly. He is a top challenger again. He is our "Wrestler of the Month."

"Oh, wow, I can't believe I got this award," he excitedly replied upon hearing the news. "It's funny. Just the other day, Mike and I were talking, and he mentioned how a lot of fans were saying I deserved the award this month. Well, I'm sure there are plenty of other wrestlers out there just as deserving, but I accept with sincere appreciation."

It took many hours of lonely
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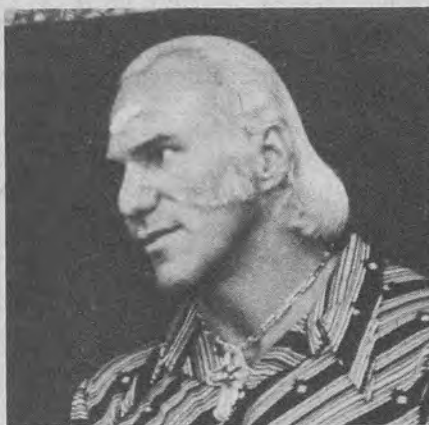
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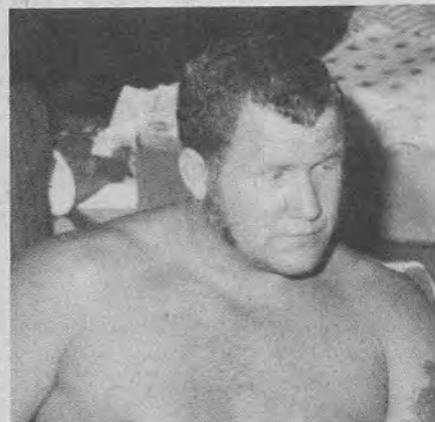
**"How do you rate
Bob Backlund's
progress in the
year he has held
the WWF title?"**

**Submitted by:
Marcy Brafman,
Brooklyn,
New York**



SUPERSTAR GRAHAM

"Progress, what progress? He wasn't anything to speak of when he stole the title from me and he hasn't done much better since. He's still a coward and a cheat. That hasn't changed. That'll never change."



HARLEY RACE

"I ain't impressed by the guy. He started out with that atomic spinebreaker, something or other. Most guys would refine it. His move still seems sloppy. I don't think he has the natural toughness. Either you got it or you don't."



CAPTAIN LOU ALBANO

"When you talk about progress, you must show progress, dig? You must show actual gains and actual rewards. Backlund still has no maneuvers and no guts. He avoids all the challengers. He has gone from the sewer right into the gutter. Any more stupid questions?"



BRUNO SAMMARTINO

"You know, when Backlund first won the title, I wasn't sure about the young man. He had all the physical qualities, but you have to look into someone's heart to tell if he's a real champion. After more than one year of tough battles, Backlund is a champion in both spirit and talent."

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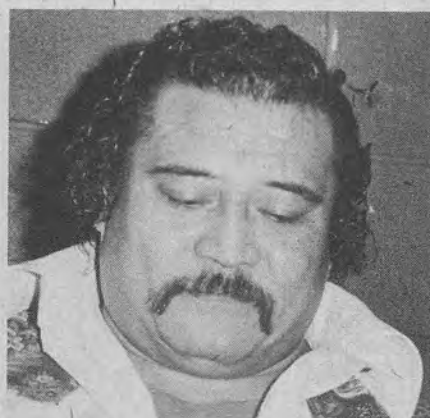
GREG VALENTINE

"He's champ? Bad federation, let me tell you. I didn't think that worm could be champ for a year. I'll say one thing: you won't ask this childish question next year. I'm gonna take Backlund's belt sure as the Grand Wizard is my manager."



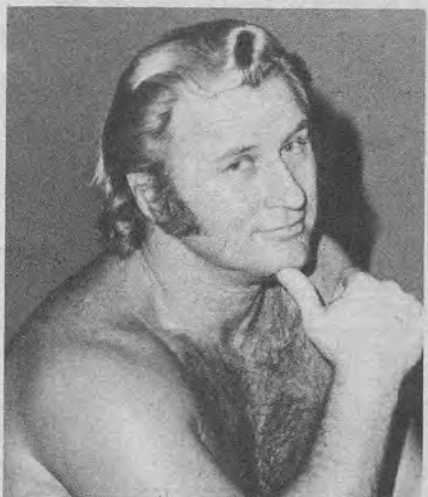
BULLDOG BROWER

"Who's that. Backbleed? Oh, yeah, him, the guy who looks like Clarabelle. No, uh, Howdy Doody. Yeah, I wrestled him. So what? He ain't so hot. What progress from where to who? You think I don't know what I'm talking about?"



PETER MAIVIA

"He's gone downhill. You can see, right after he attacked me, how his career fell into shambles. I carried Backlund. I told him how to beat Graham. I was the key in the tag team. He's a waste without me. I'll get him soon."



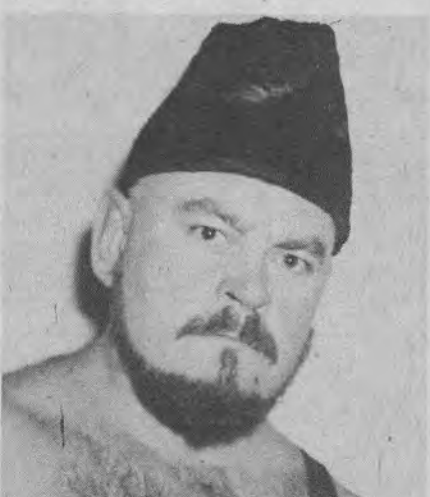
NICK BOCKWINKEL

"Ah, he's a bit tougher than a year ago. Being champ will do that to you. Fans, those that can think, don't realize the pressure of the title. Backlund has been stomped and stabbed by his so-called friends. That meanness in the eyes is his biggest change. And a good one at that."



ARNOLD SKOALAND

"Okay, I confess to some prejudice. I'm his manager. But Bob has really matured in the year he's been champion. He has the talent. An awful lot of talent. He spends hours in the gym working on his maneuvers, which have greatly improved. Right now, I think he's growing in stature."



IVAN KOLOFF

"I must say that Backlund has gotten better in the year he has reigned. I am somewhat impressed by his maneuvers and his courage, especially after the Maivia incident. Surely Backlund is vastly superior to that dog, Sammartino." □



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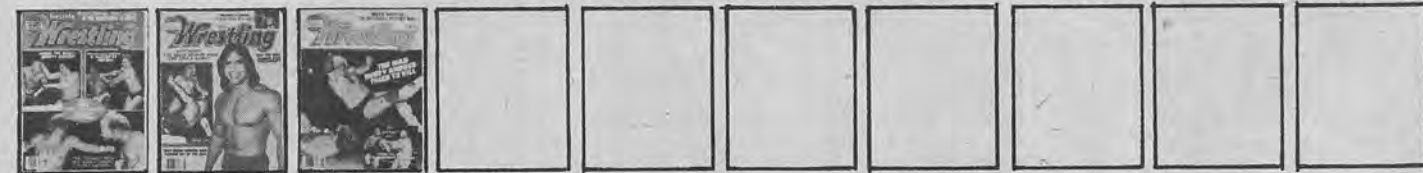
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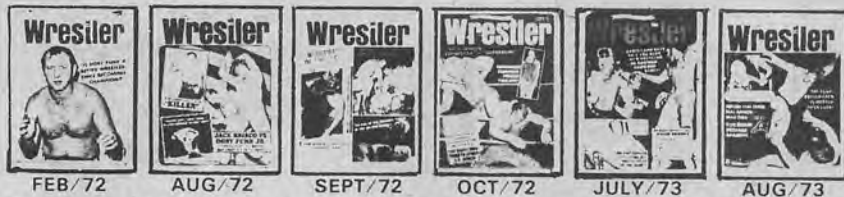
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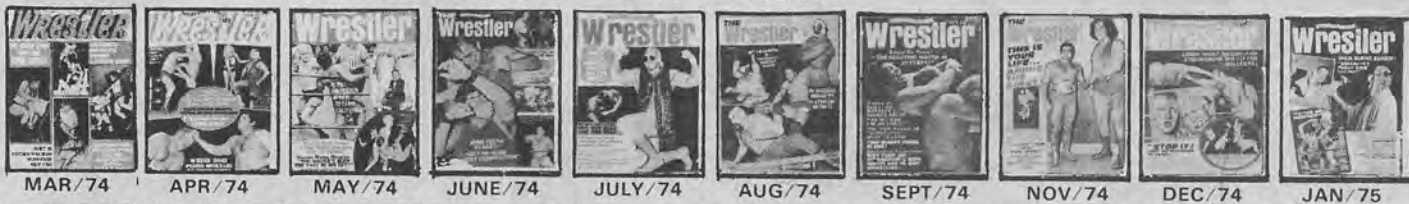
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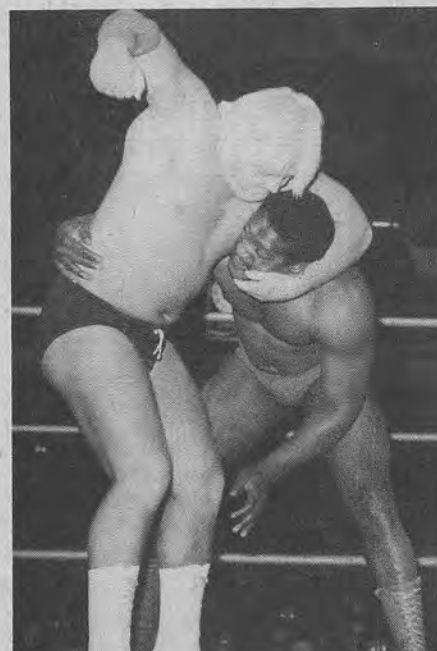
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Greg Valentine is about to punish S.D. Jones. Valentine makes one reader sick to his stomach. The reader would like Andre the Giant to hurt Greg.

ONABLA IS ALBANO?

I just finished reading correspondent Kevin McCloud's report on Bulldog Brower in "The Tattler." There was a statement from Dr. Onabla saying that Bulldog Brower is sane. That is insane because if you look at the "good doctor's" name, you will see that backwards, it spells Albano!

That is why I figure the press conference was hastily arranged with Louis Albano wearing some sort of disguise to get you and the fans to believe Bulldog is sane. Remember, Onabla spelled backwards is Albano!

CEDRIC DIXON
Willingboro, N.J.

TWO REFS NEEDED IN RING

I think current refereeing is not fair to either side. In many matches, especially the ones with rulebreakers like the Valiant Brothers and Greg Valentine, the referee is forced to watch as many as four people in the ring at once. That's impossible.

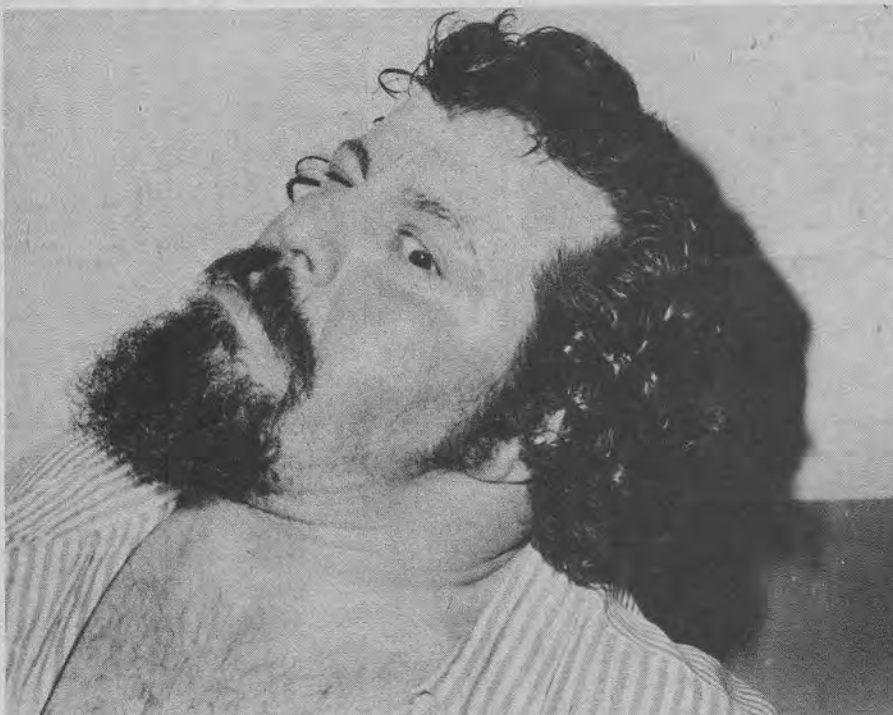
In many single matches, the rulebreaker bothers the ref or the ref is knocked out of the ring. Once that happens, chaos breaks loose.

I think two referees should be used in all matches and the rules should be stricter. It's not the refs' fault, but the circumstances of the matches make them difficult to regulate.

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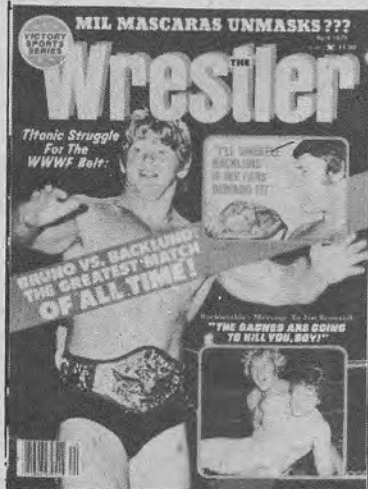
AN EVIL MAN

I ran right into the bathroom and got sick after reading "Greg Valentine: Crippling My Opponents Makes Me Laugh!" (July 1979). I was one of the millions who watched on television
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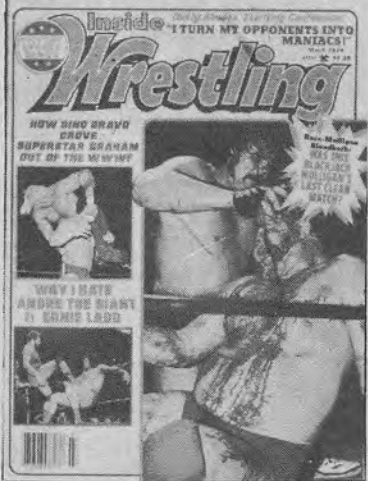


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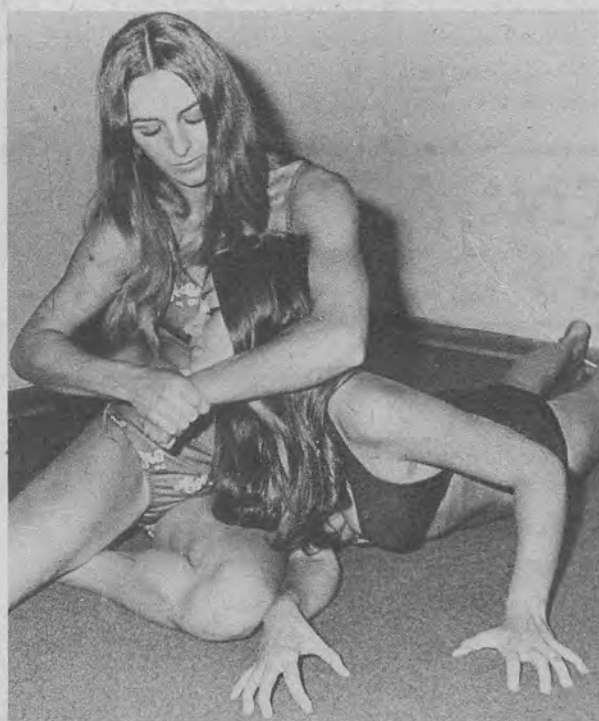
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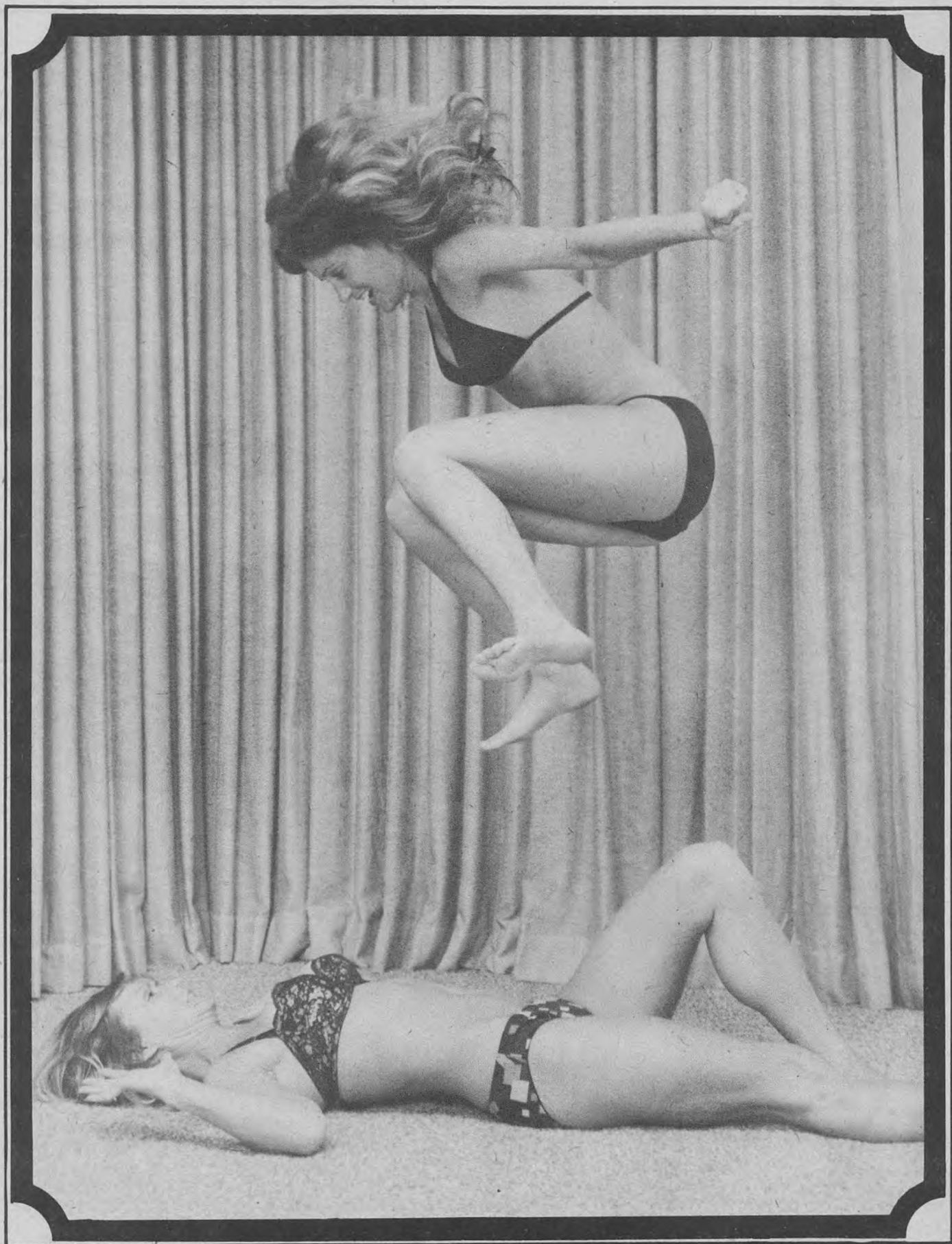
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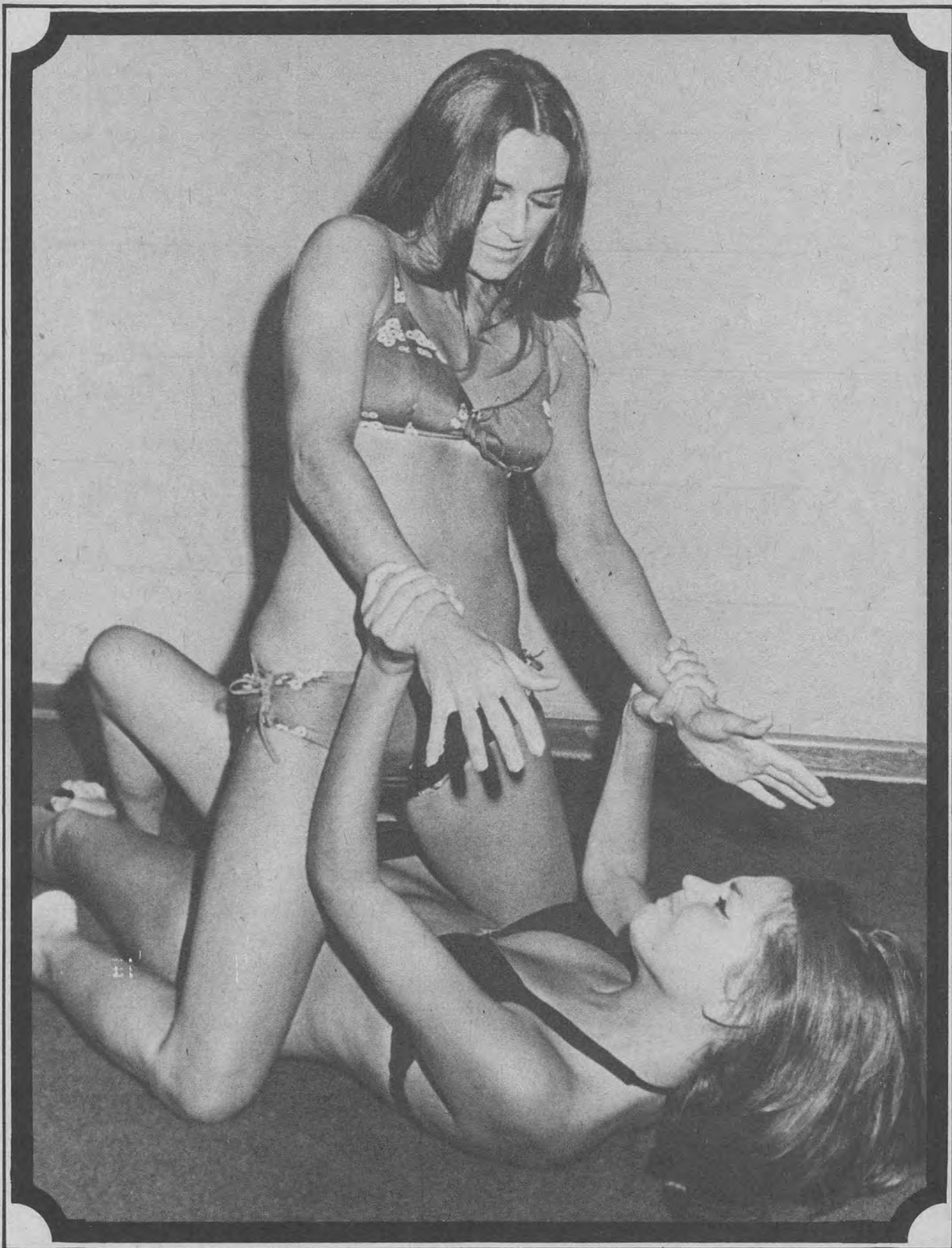




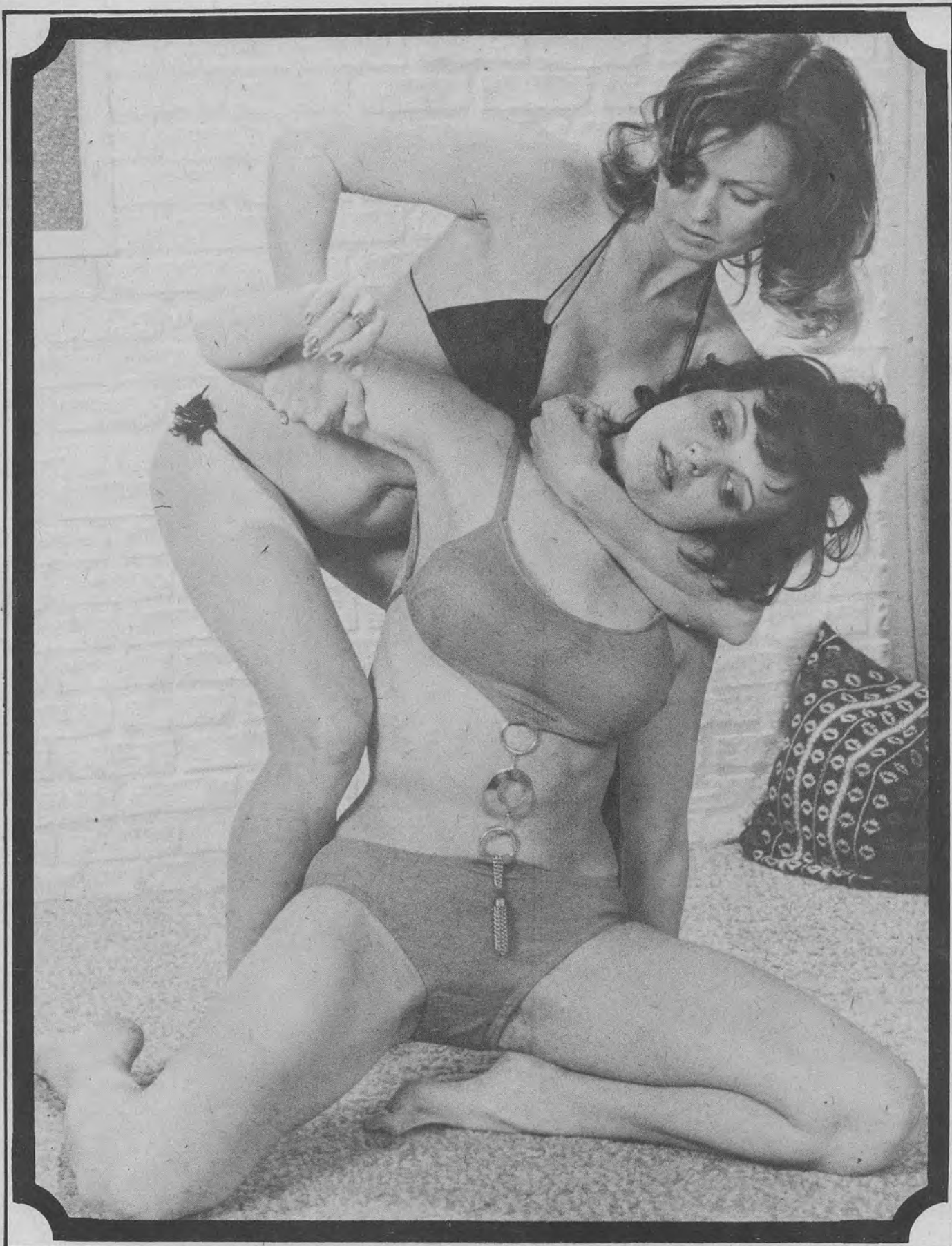
In an unforgettable apartment wrestling moment, Denise skies into the air and looks to stomp on her helpless foe, Cynara. Few matches compared for non-stop, uncontrolled mayhem.



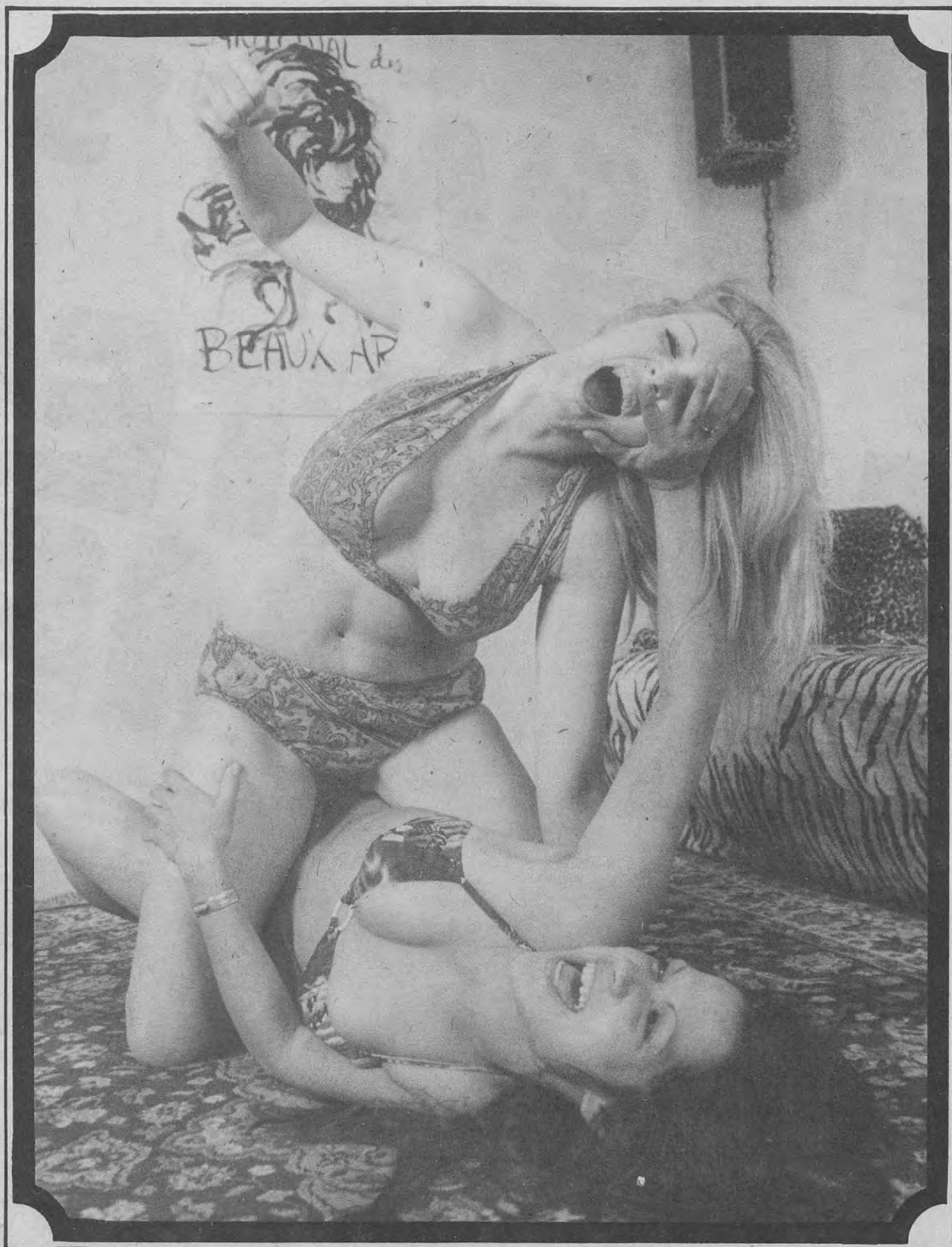
Fierce struggles highlighted the memorable encounter between the exotic Marguerita and the violent and passionate Tiffany. Marguerita almost crippled Tiffany with this crude but effective abdominal stretch.



Valerie and Gloria were two of the original apartment wrestlers. Their battle was animalistic and chaotic. Experts believe these two girls set a standard that all apartment wrestlers have tried to meet.



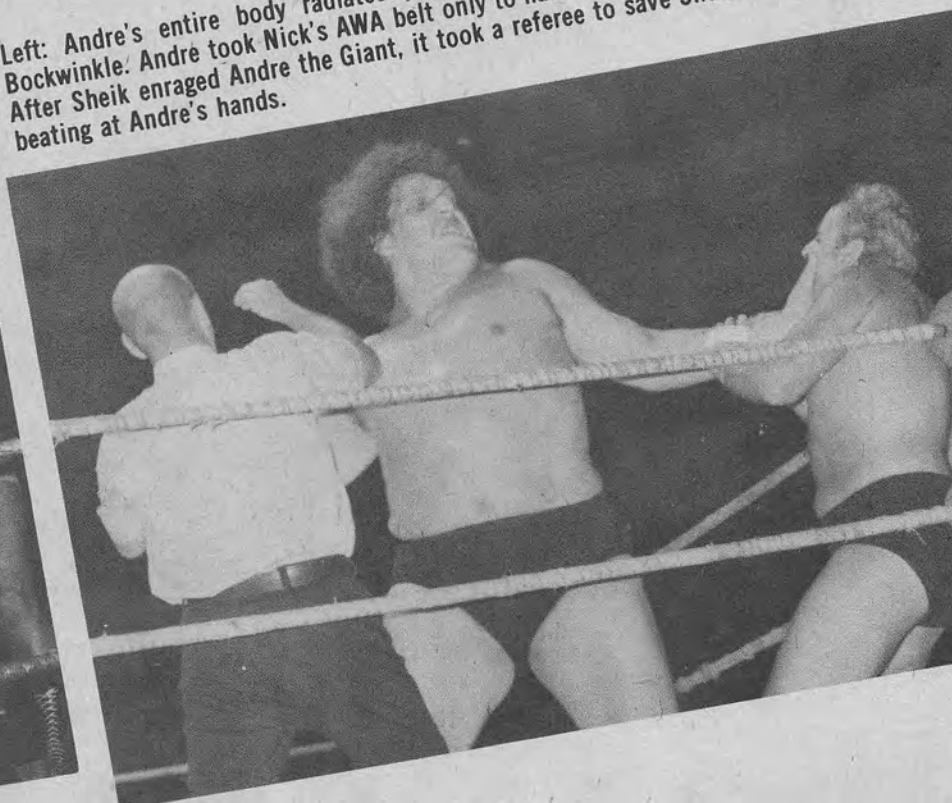
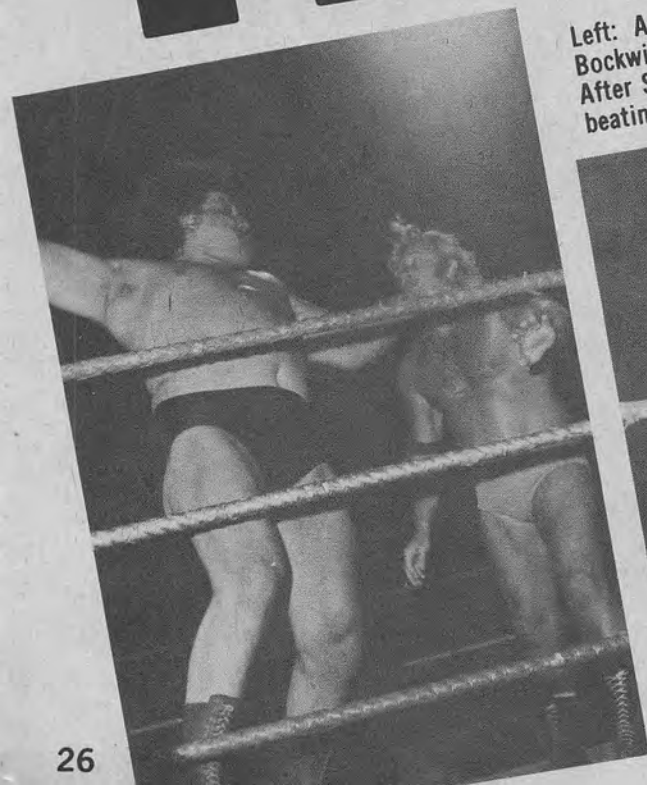
The gorgeous Cynara returned to punish the rugged, sensuous Solomone with intricate chokeholds. Cynara is considered one of the first apartment wrestling superstars. She is a former champion.



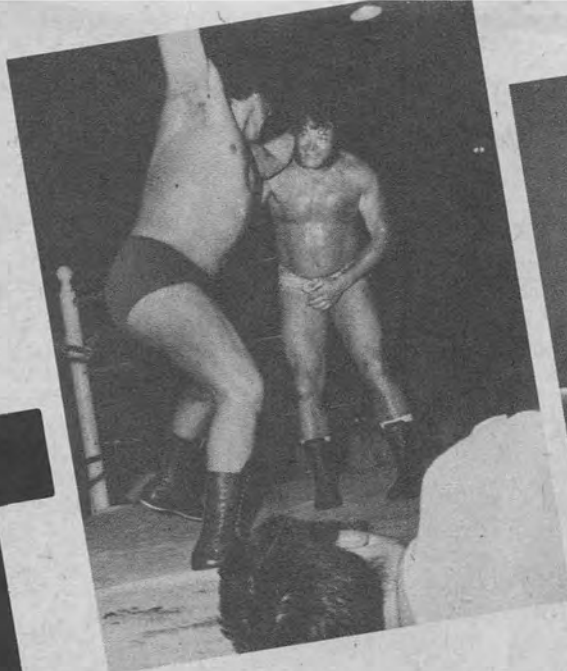
Like uncaged tigresses fighting for a single piece of meat, Tara and Courtney clawed and pawed during a sensational, brutal match. The girls demonstrated stamina and ability to absorb punishment that shocked the audience.

ANDRE THE GIANT'S TEN GREATEST TRIUMPHS

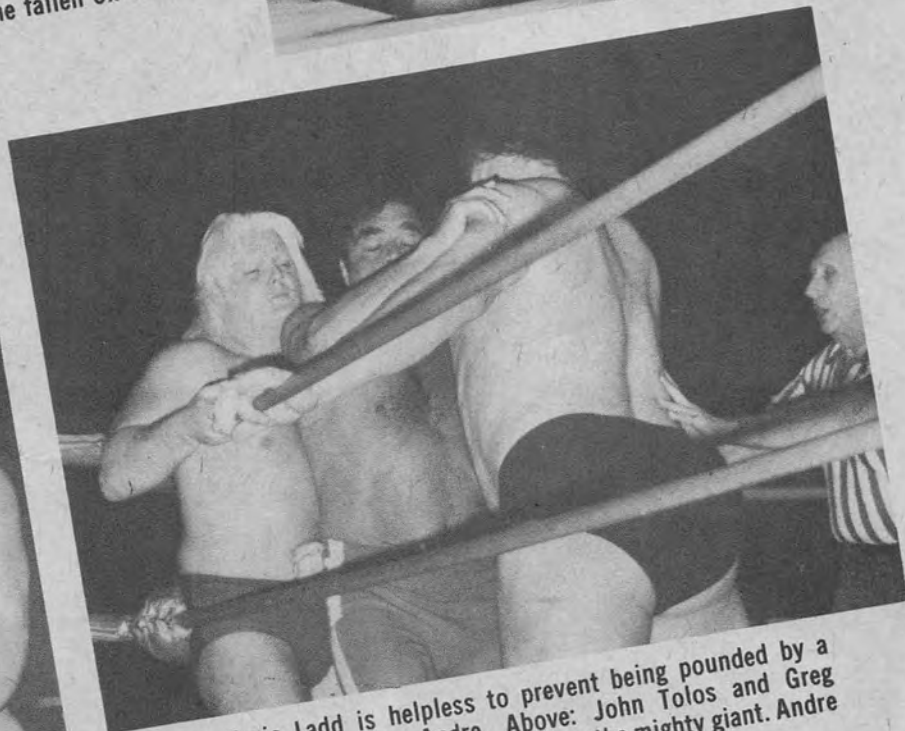
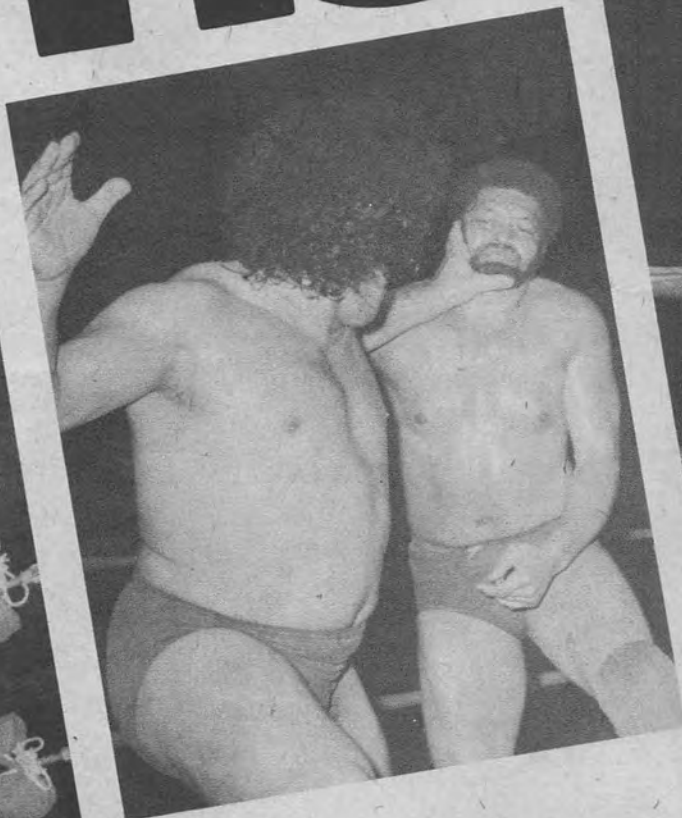
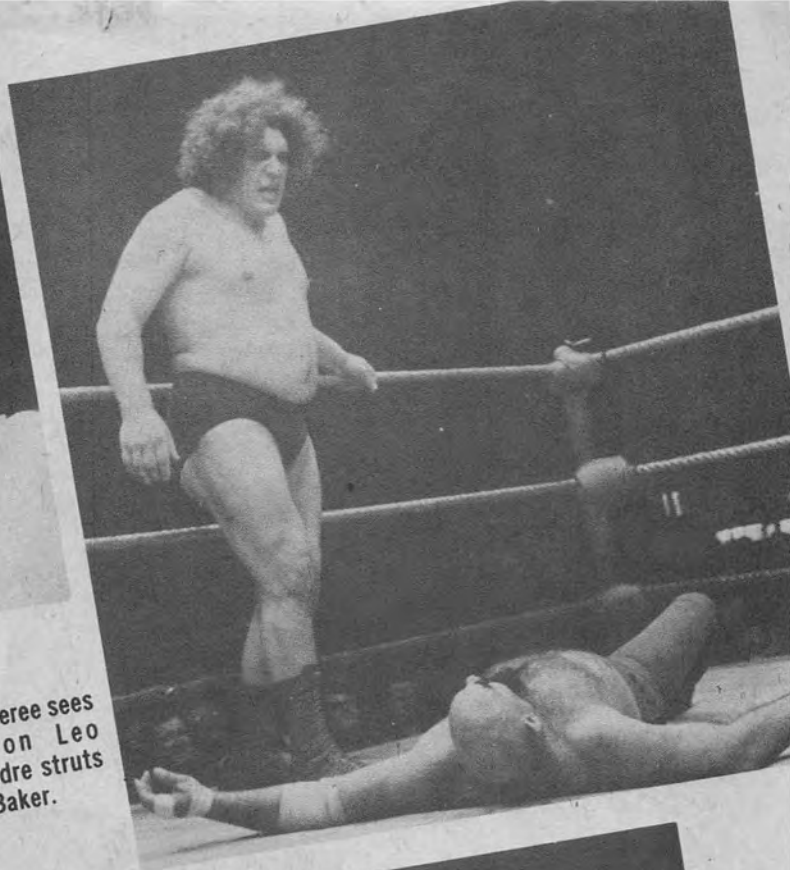
Left: Andre's entire body radiates power as he smashes his opponent, Nick Bockwinkel. Andre took Nick's AWA belt only to have the decision reversed. Below: After Sheik enraged Andre the Giant, it took a referee to save Sheik from a savage beating at Andre's hands.



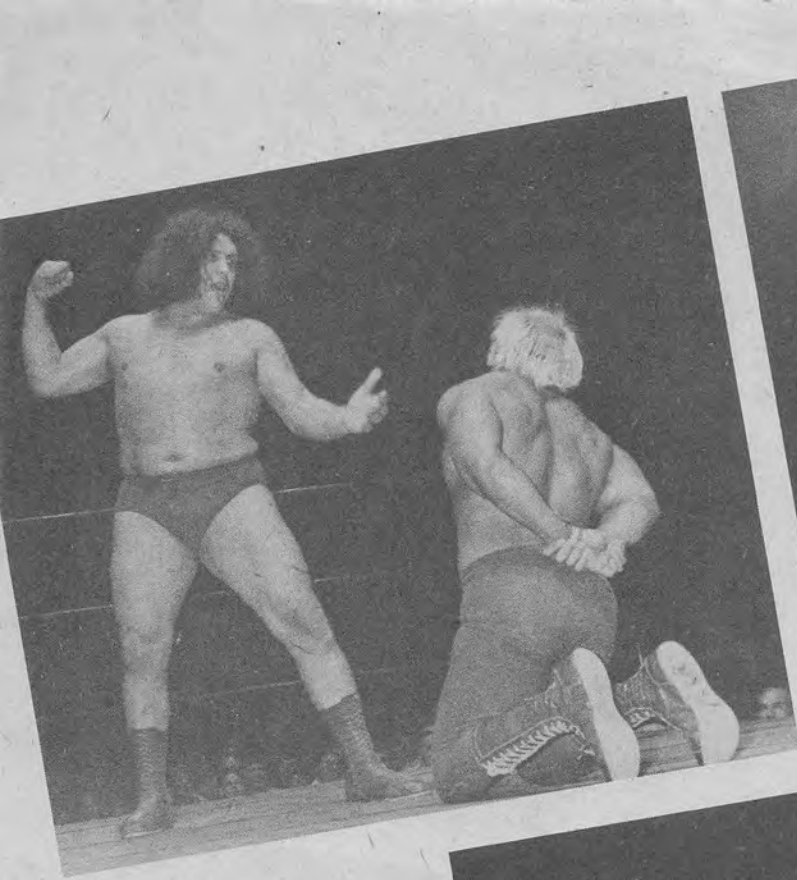
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Above: A battered referee sees Andre attack Don Leo Jonathan. Right: Andre struts over the fallen Ox Baker.



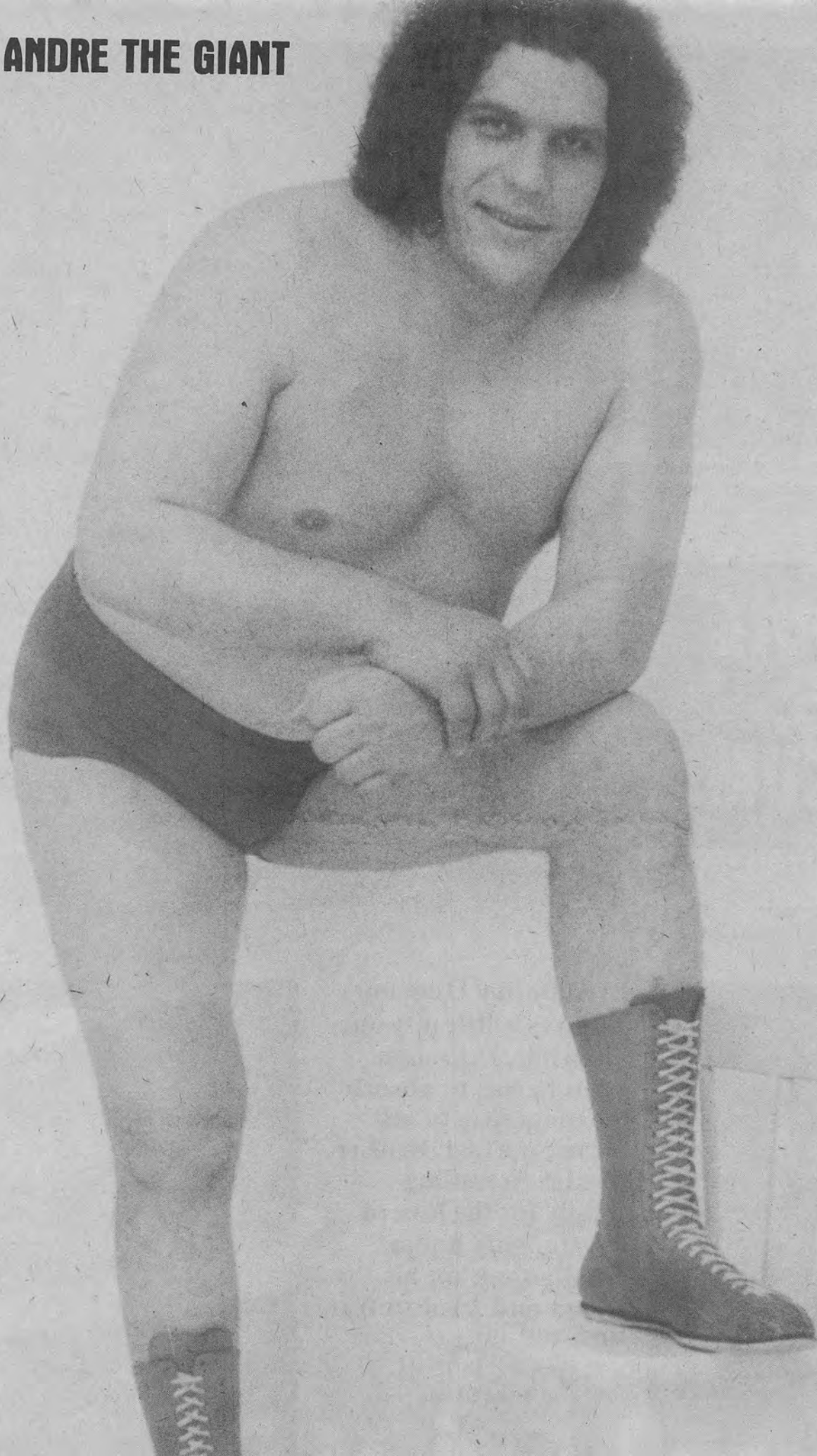
Left: Ernie Ladd is helpless to prevent being pounded by a forearm smash from Andre. Above: John Tolos and Greg Valentine are squashed into a corner by the mighty giant. Andre is renown for his many handicap match victories.



Above: Andre has Superstar Billy Graham begging for mercy. Above right: A failed kick by Ivan Koloff has the Russian in trouble. Right: Andre hurls boxer Chuck Wepner over the ropes. Below: An agonized Abdullah the Butcher bends under Andre's attack.



ANDRE THE GIANT

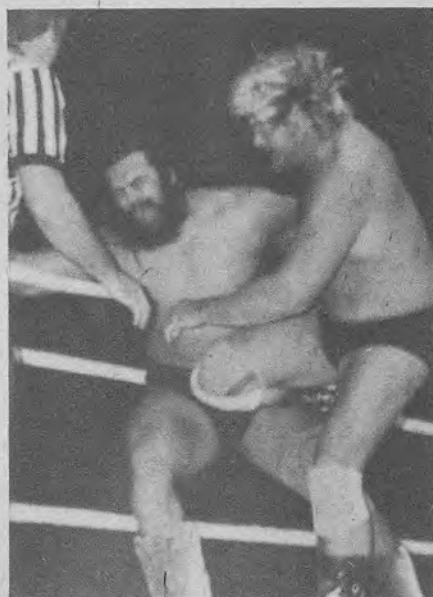
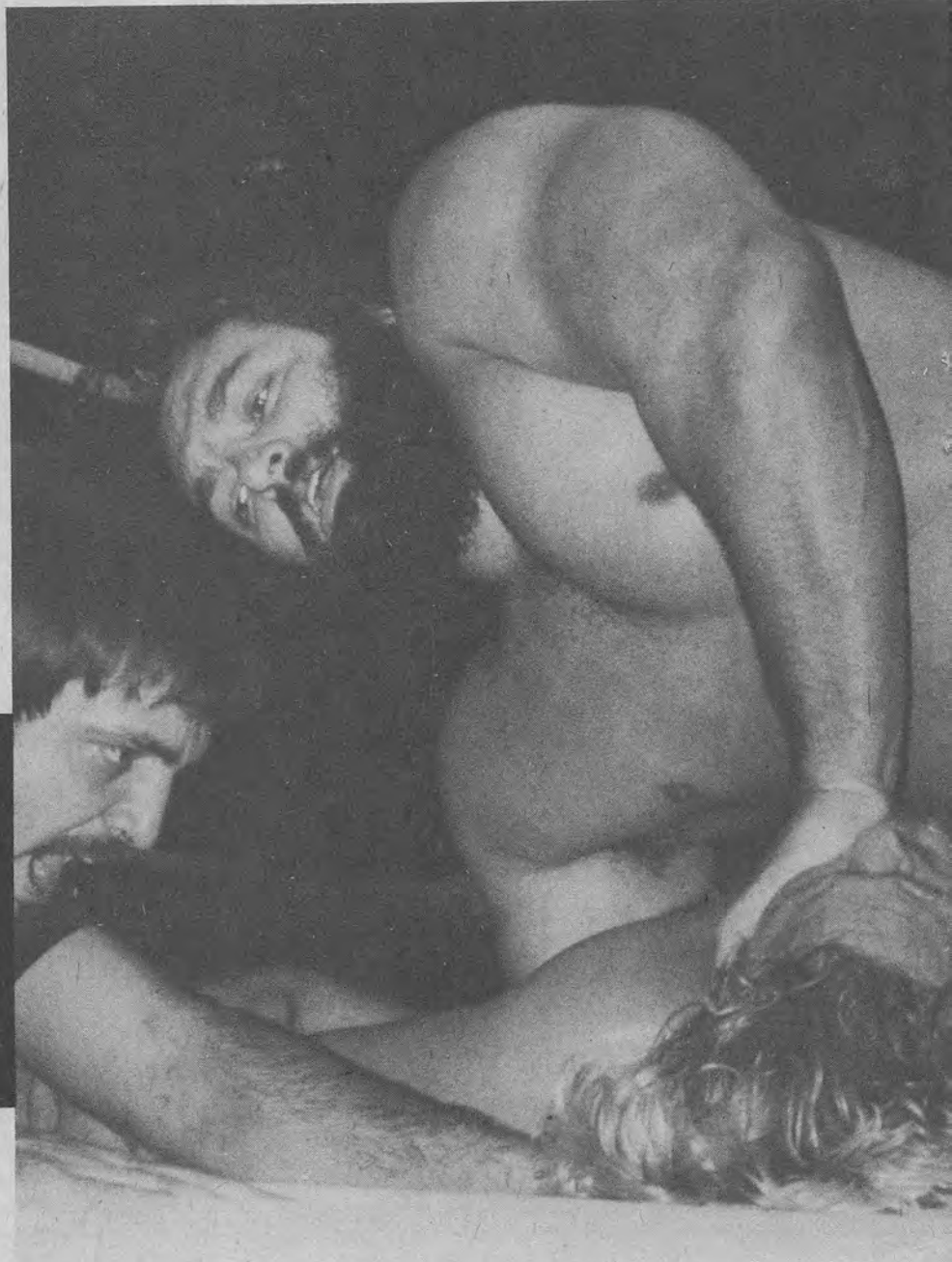




A Brodie backbreaker has Duncum in agony (above). Brodie appears to be choking his former partner (right).

BRODIE VS. DUNCUM:

Duncum drives a knee into Brodie's midsection (below). Duncum sizes up his former friend (below right).



Even Bobby Duncum deserves a little pity once in a while. Especially when he has to absorb the indecency of his former partner, Bruiser Brodie. Wrestling simply for the love of the almighty dollar, Brodie took on his friend and tried to tear his head off!

PHOTOS BY ROGER DEEM





A CONDESCENDING CHUCKLE told Bruiser Brodie who his dressing room neighbor was. Without glancing up, Brodie knew it was Bobby Duncum.

"Duncum, what you say?" Brodie asked unenthusiastically, picking at the caked dirt beneath his nails.

"Brodie, you won't believe this." Duncum pulled up a metal folding chair and plopped it next to Brodie. "This promoter wants to match us up. Imagine that," Duncum said, laughing.

"So?" Brodie responded, staring at Duncum.

"What do you mean, so? You're my friend. We used to team up. I could never think of wrestling you!" Duncum shrank

wheels of a Porsche, men grow hardened and almost expectant of inevitable betrayal.

Though coarsened by the deception of someone he thought was a friend, Duncum was determined to inflict physical pain equal to, if not surpassing, the emotional stress he suffered from Brodie's insensitive attitude.

Perhaps another man would have handled Brodie's behavior with some dignity and restraint. However, dignity and restraint, along with any other synonyms evoking decency, are deficient in Duncum.

This was barbarism at its worst. Whenever Brodie laces on the boots and slinks between the

THEY DESERVE EACH OTHER!

from Brodie's drilling glare.

"I wrestle anyone, anywhere, anytime." Brodie returned his blazing brown eyes to his nails. "You, or anyone. As long as I get paid, I'll wrestle a female gorilla."

Kicking aside the chair, Brodie strode out of the room, leaving a shocked, hurt Bobby Duncum to cook in his own pained juices.

Pity for Bobby Duncum is forced emotion. As with other sadistic rulebreakers, he has earned the contempt of everyone who knows him.

But even vermin like Duncum deserves sympathy when betrayed by a creature like Brodie.

Treachery is an ancient wrestling motivation. In a sport where loyalties spin like the

ropes, blood and savagery are his co-pilot and navigator.

And the same is true of Duncum.

Thus it was no surprise to those at ringside, to those in the arena, to the promoters and, indeed, the entire world, when Duncum and Brodie were both disqualified.

Despite the purplish bruises decorating his rugged features, Duncum attempted peace with Brodie after the match. Extending a scratched hand, Duncum approached his foe.

"Was this worth it?" Duncum asked.

"I'll wrestle anyone for a buck," Brodie answered, brushing past his former partner.

A weary sigh announced Duncum's departure. □

**RIC
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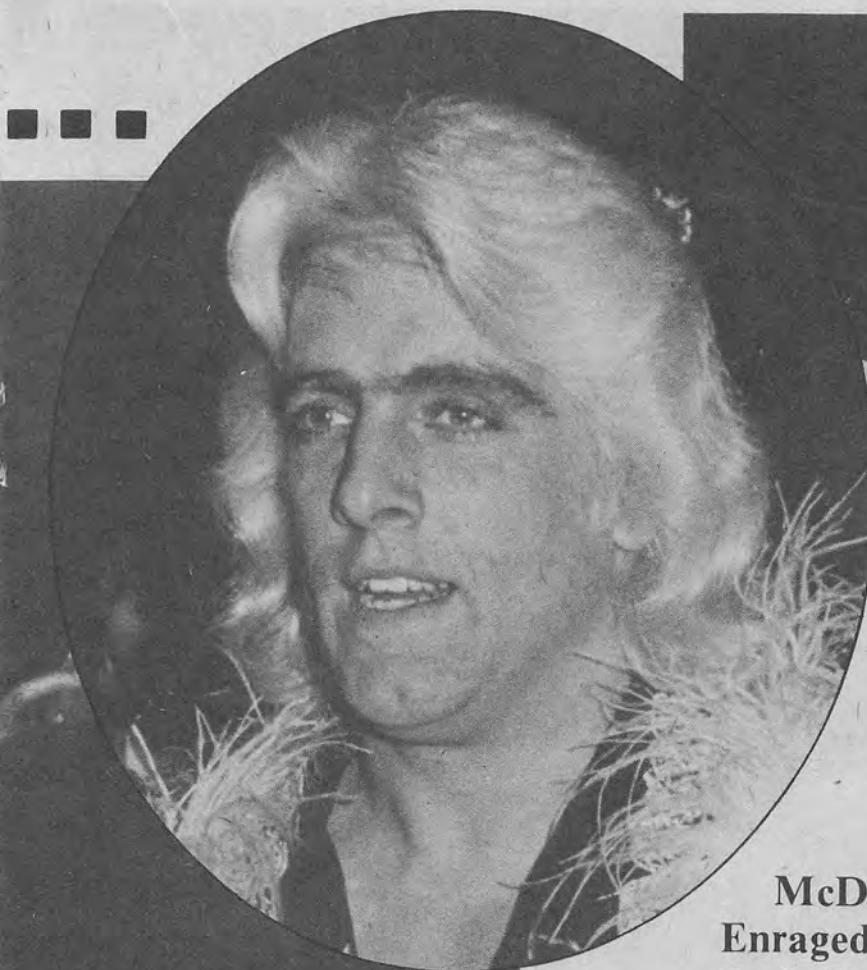
MANY THINGS

Wahoo McDaniel is bleeding and Ric Flair shows no mercy, moving in to dish out further punishment. McDaniel called Flair a coward during an interview.



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BUT NOT A



Flair is about to drive his leg into Wahoo McDaniel's face (above). Flair has been called many things, but he will never be called a coward again. The McDaniel-Flair feud is ancient. It dates back to their Mid-Atlantic rivalry.

On a television interview in Georgia, Wahoo McDaniel called Ric Flair a coward. Enraged, Flair immediately challenged the Indian star to a battle to re-establish his courage. While Flair's ring tactics may always be questioned, his pride and bravery will never be followed by a question mark again

AFTER ELEVEN RINGS of the phone, the message was bitterly short.

"Ric, I just saw an interview down here on Georgia television wrestling," said Flair's friend in a very low, fearful tone. "Wahoo McDaniel said...well, you sitting down?"

"Yup."

"McDaniel called you a coward," the friend said uneasily, frightened of Flair's reaction.

He wasn't disappointed.

According to the hotel manager who billed Flair for the damage,

the blond rulebreaker ripped the phone out of the wall, then tossed it through the glass shower stall.

Then he really got angry.

An order was dispatched for a video-tape of the interview. Supposedly, Flair insisted on watching the interview alone.

Only he and his rage.

Many things are said in criticism of Ric Flair. True, he is a sadistic wrestler. True, he doesn't follow the rules. True, he can be arrogant, disloyal, unkind, and so on.

But one word which doesn't describe Ric Flair is coward.

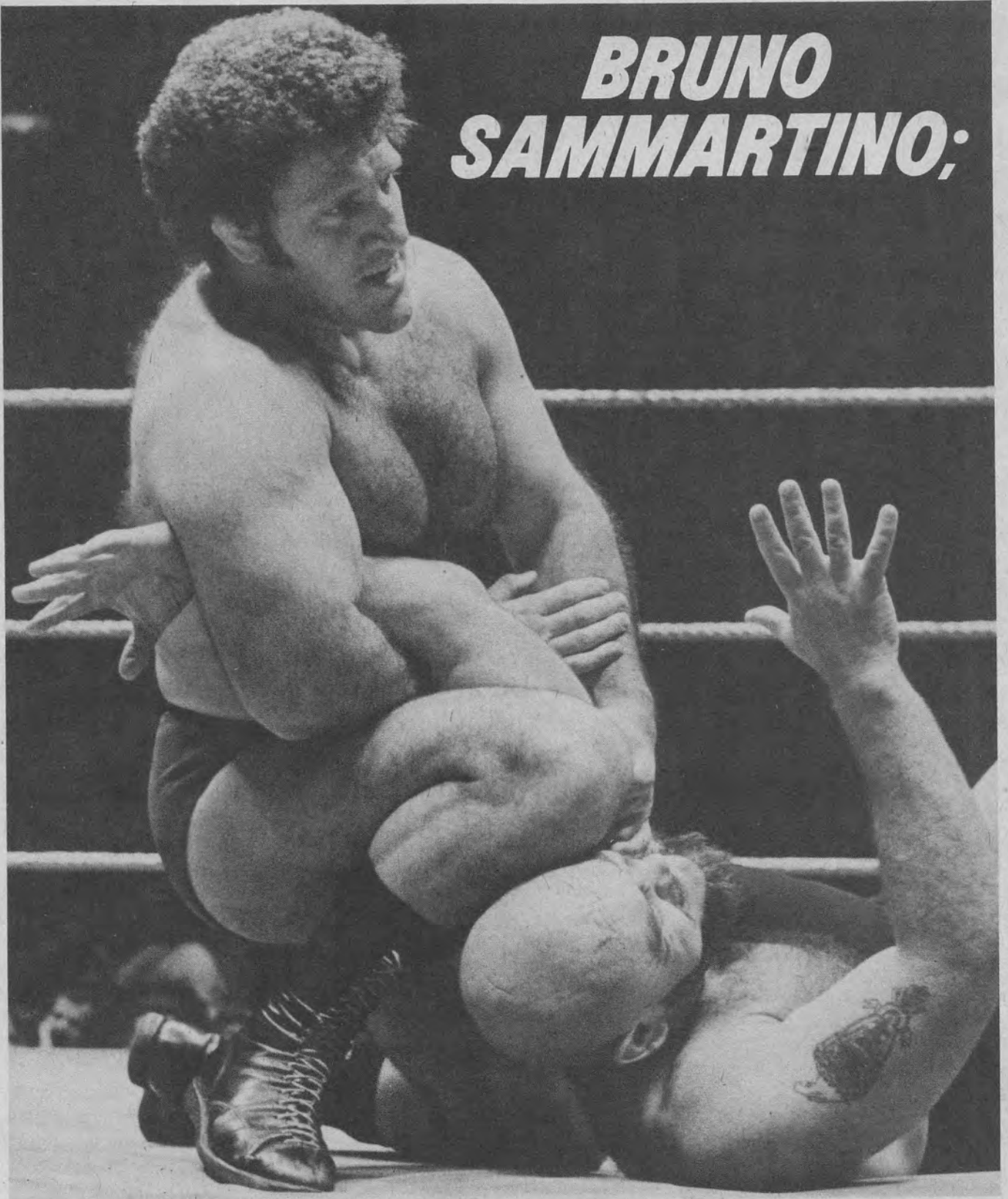
An unfortunate choice of words landed Wahoo into a blood-boiling match. Or was his statement diabolically purposeful?

Obviously, once Flair challenged McDaniel, the match

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COWARD

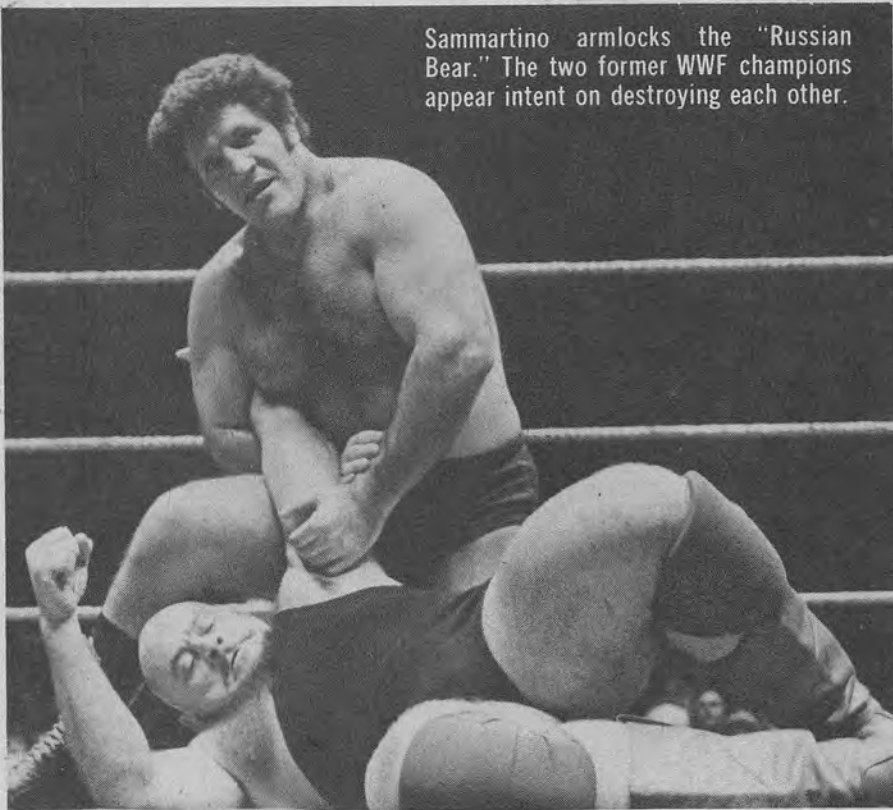
BRUNO SAMMARTINO;



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Whether trapped under an ocean of swelling waves, or flying hundreds of feet in the soft, innocent clouds, Bruno Sammartino sees Ivan Koloff before his eyes. Until Koloff is destroyed, Sammartino will be unable to rest

Sammartino armlocks the "Russian Bear." The two former WWF champions appear intent on destroying each other.



THE NIGHTMARE HAS plagued Bruno Sammartino since 1971. It never changes. There's no way to predict which night's sleep will be ended by horror.

Not knowing why, Bruno is stranded on a desert plain. The sky is bright and clear. Bruno doesn't know where he has to go, but he knows it's important to get there. He is late. Walking in the sand is very wearying and he doesn't seem to be getting anywhere. A cloud appears on the horizon but it doesn't block the sun. Bruno realizes he's very hot and needs water badly. He sees a bottle of water in the distance.

Bruno assumes the bottle is a mirage but approaches it carefully. He also sees a large, indistinct figure seemingly racing him for the water. Bruno assumes the figure is

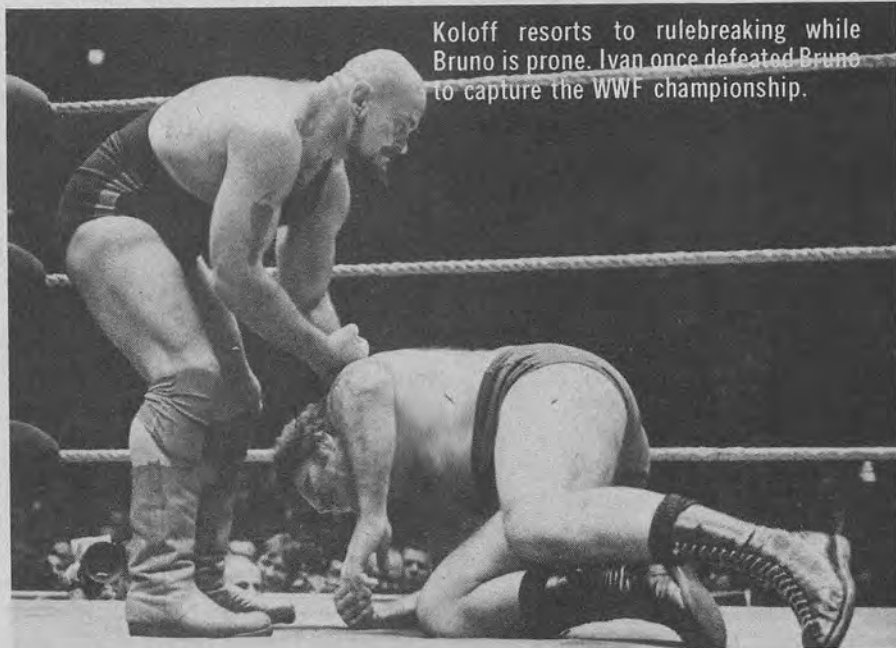
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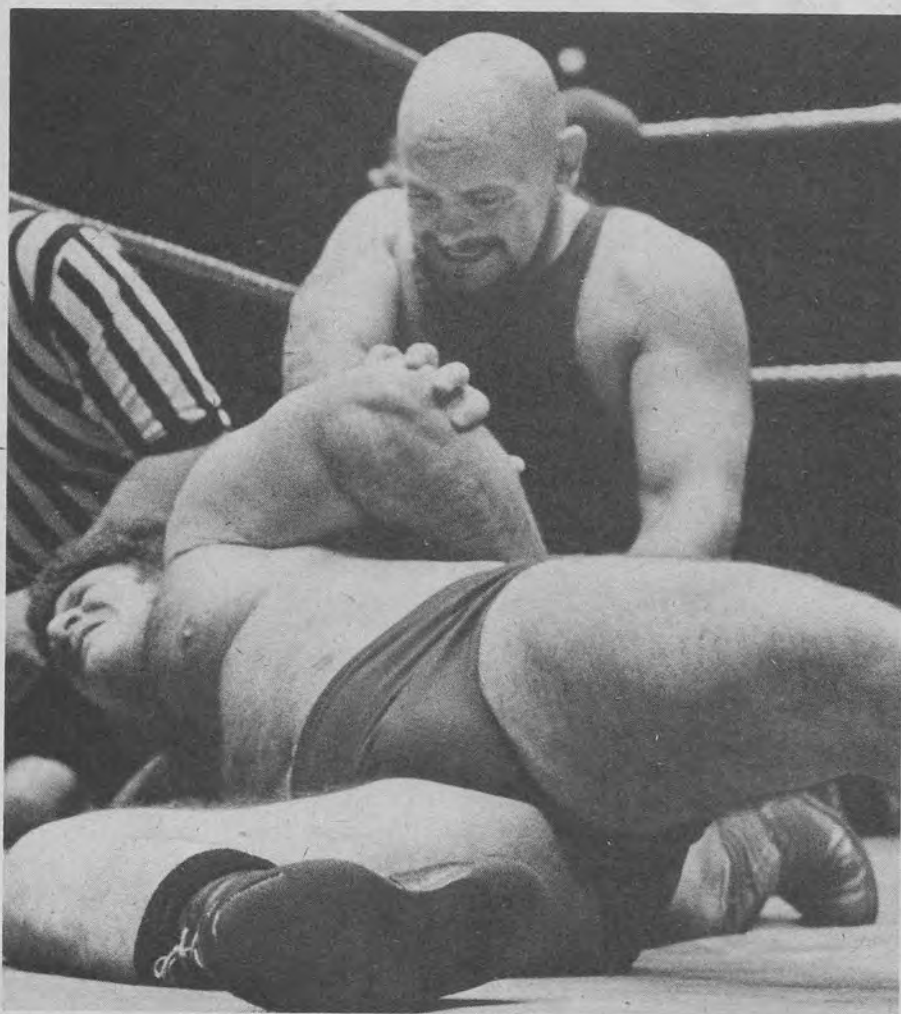
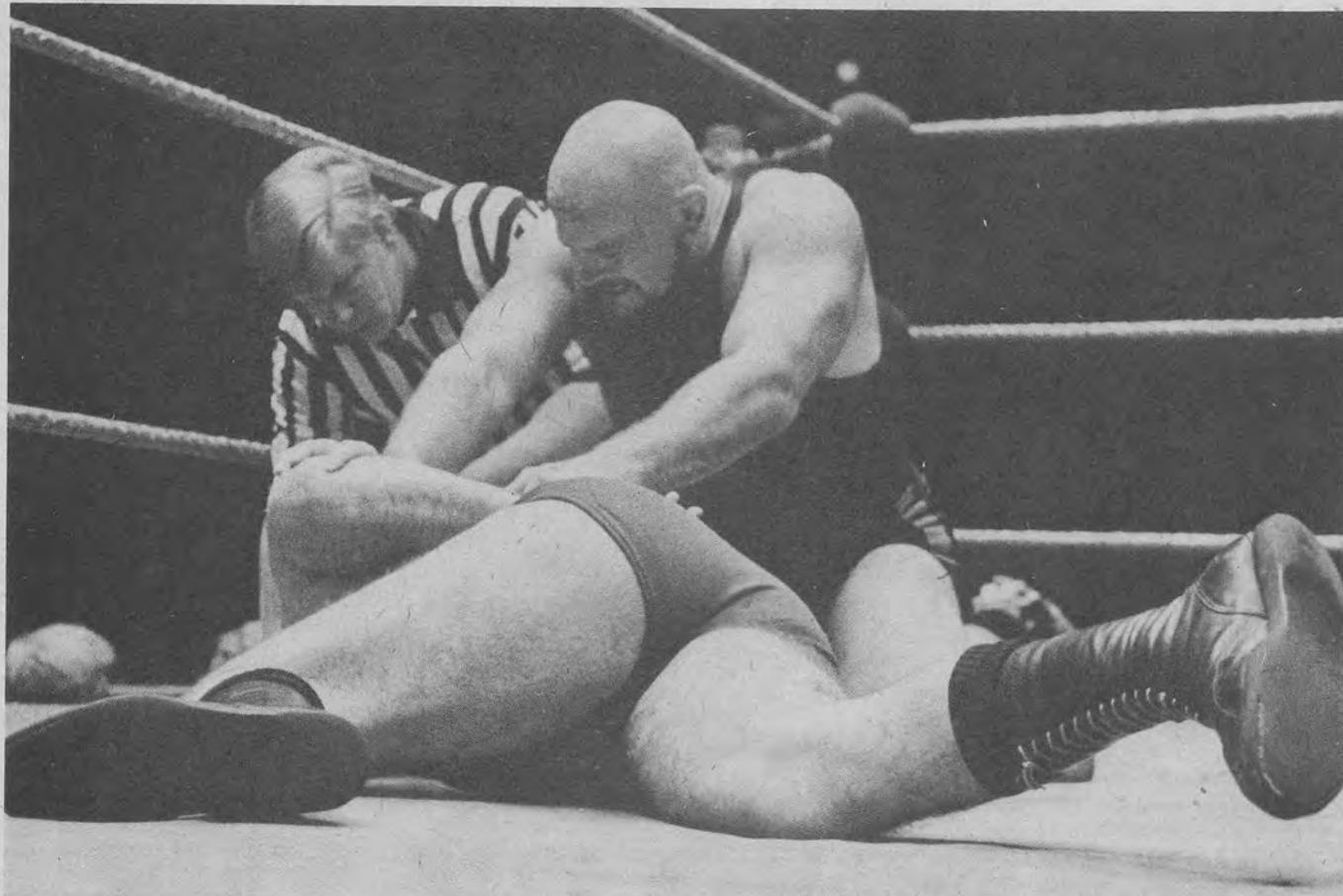
real and dangerous, but he continues to near the water. As he and the figure come closer, Bruno realizes he must destroy it or it will destroy him. The water is forgotten. Bruno rushes headlong at the figure he still can't identify. Everything turns brilliant red. Bruno awakens. He is in a cold sweat.

The nightmare started after Bruno lost the WWF title to Ivan Koloff. Bruno still can't analyze the dream, but he knows it springs from a mind troubled by defeat. To Bruno, defeat is something that eats into his very being. As long as Ivan Koloff wrestles, Bruno will be tormented by the dream. Bruno will always force himself to wrestle Koloff.

It's no secret Bruno's family and friends want him to retire from wrestling. Since the former champion broke his neck a few years ago, those close to him worry about another serious injury.

Koloff resorts to rulebreaking while Bruno is prone. Ivan once defeated Bruno to capture the WWF championship.





Koloff applies pressure to an armlock (above). Despite his usual treacherous tactics, Koloff knows all the scientific maneuvers. Bruno appears to be in agony (left) as Ivan attempts to make him submit. Will these two warriors ever stop pursuing each other?

Bruno doesn't need the money. He has enjoyed more glory and adulation than any wrestler in his lifetime. Chances are he will be the first wrestler to officially have his trunks retired. If any man can retire in comfort and dignity, Bruno is the one.

Yet, Koloff remains. Something inside Bruno compels him to wrestle the brutalizing Russian. He will feel his career incomplete until he destroys Ivan Koloff's reputation.

"I want history to remember Koloff," Bruno states, "as the man who was defeated by Bruno Sammartino. Today, he's known as the wrestler who defeated me in 1971. It's important I make that fact inconsequential.

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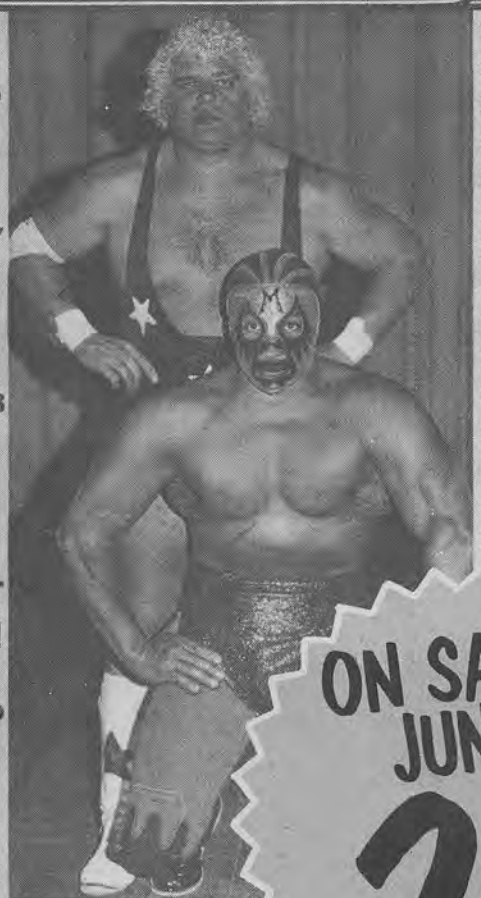


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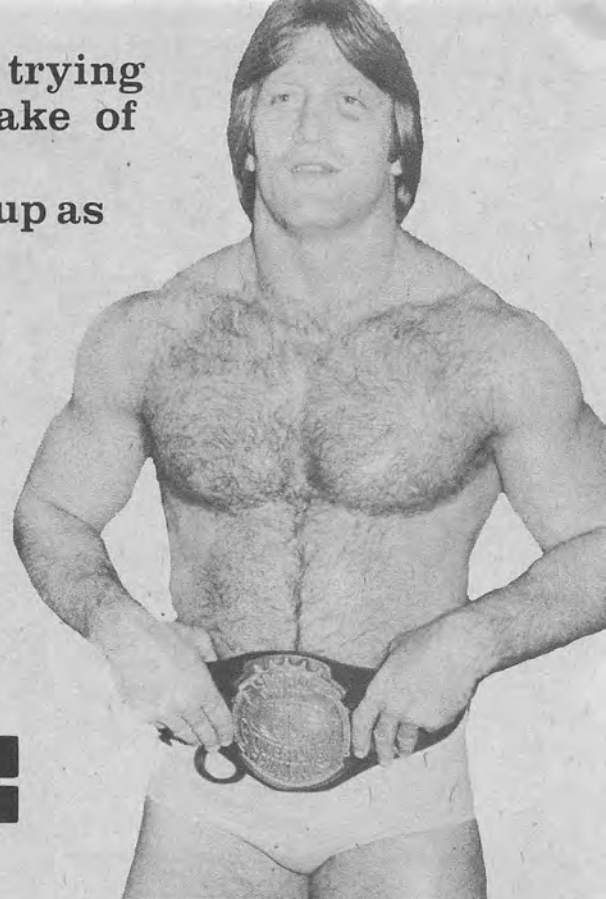


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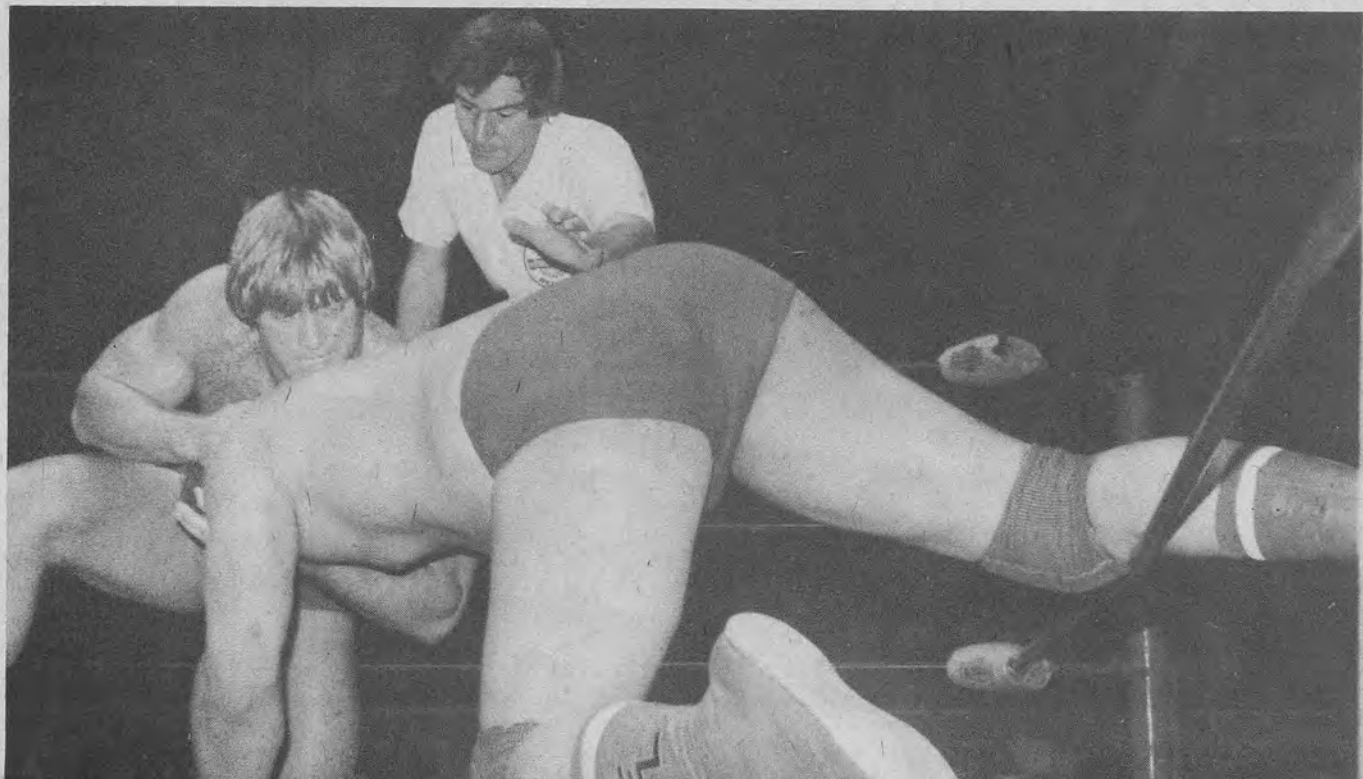
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OF WRESTLING EXCITEMENT

Ernie Ladd is feared. Young wrestlers trying to make a name often make the mistake of taking on the self-proclaimed "King of Wrestling." They usually end up as carpenters, factory workers or school teachers, if they make it out of the hospital at all. Paul Orndorff was different. Ernie Ladd will never forget him



CAN PAUL ORNDORFF DETHRONE THE "KING OF WRE

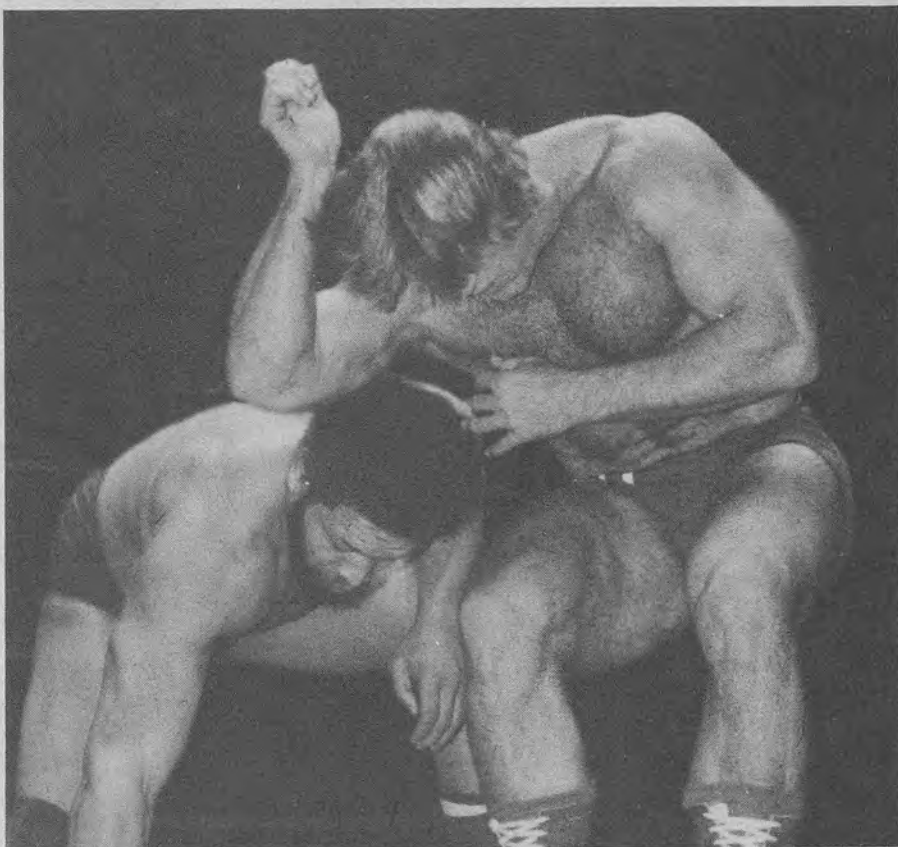


IT IS NOT something you dare ask a man. He has to volunteer. To confront Ernie Ladd is to risk a life.

No one has to tell Paul Orndorff that. He's seen Ladd wrestle more than 100 times. In too many of those matches, Ladd's foes have been carried out of the ring on a stretcher. Some have never wrestled again. There's no reason to believe Ladd has learned anything about mercy.

Ladd dominates wrestling like a cruel dictator dominates his country. No one is safe while Ladd can climb into a ring and cripple a foe. Every so often, someone decides to challenge Ladd's supremacy. Usually, he is never heard from again.

Paul Orndorff is a young man with a very promising future. He can be a star in any part of the country. He doesn't have to take risks to earn a reputation. All his friends advised him against wrestling Ernie Ladd. Paul ignored them.



Young Paul Orndorff drives an elbow into the neck of a stunned Ernie Ladd (above). Ladd recovers to capture Orndorff in a side headlock (below left). Ladd appears worried before the match (below right). Ladd usually manhandles youngsters like Orndorff, but Paul was successful in challenging the "King of Wrestling." Orndorff has the talent to be a future champion.

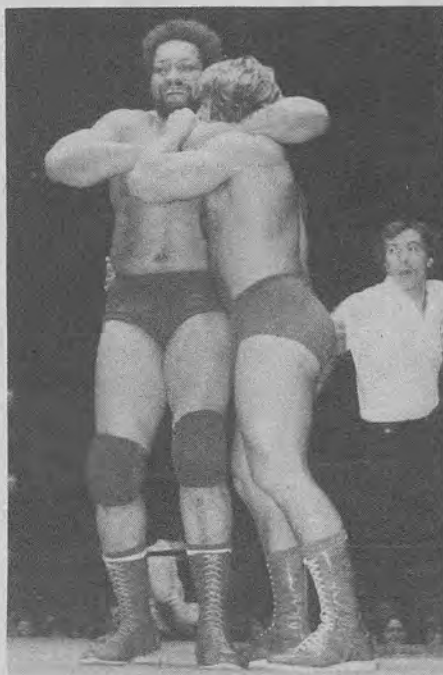
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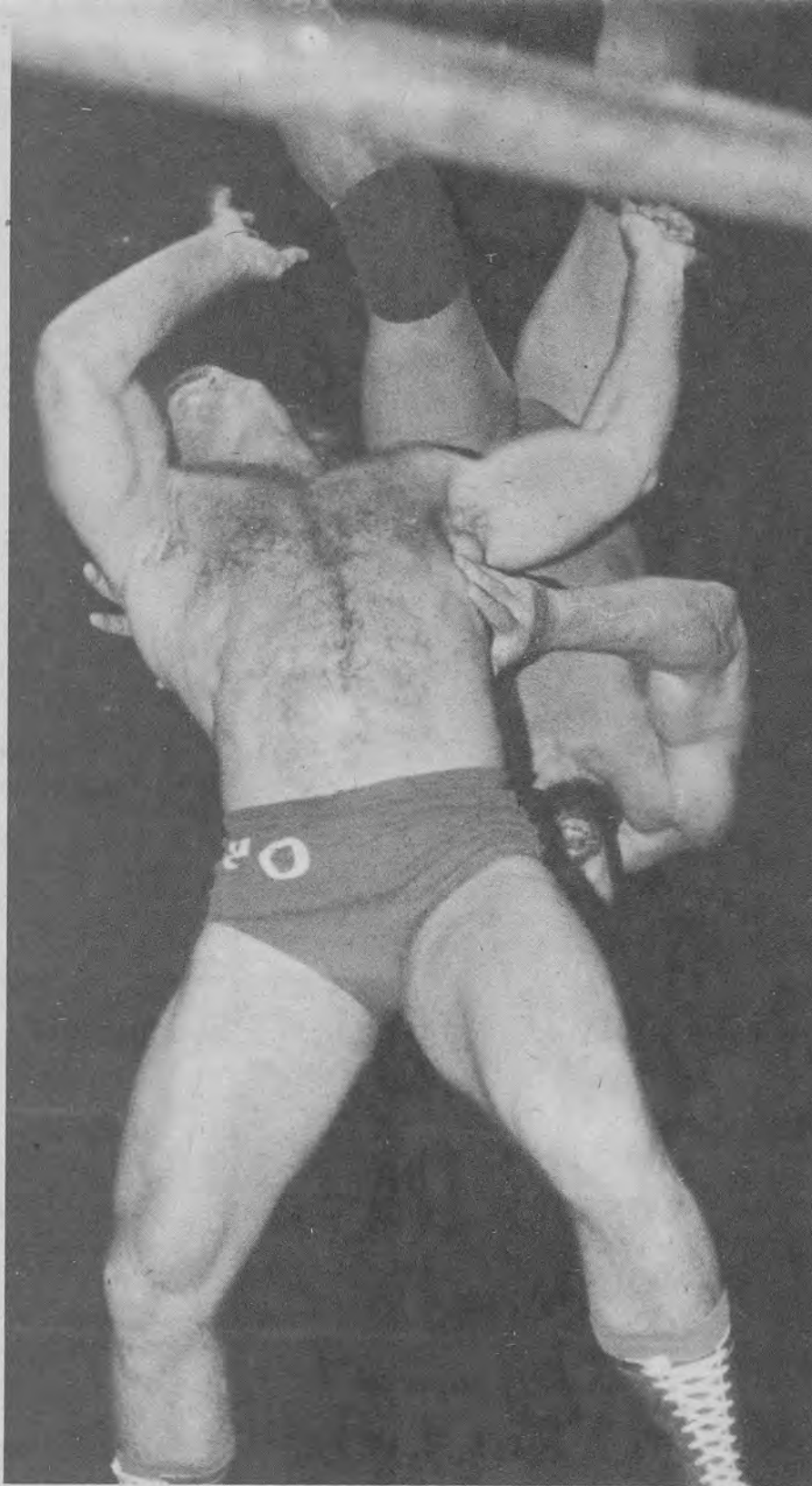
"If you don't do something for wrestling," he declared, "then you don't deserve to benefit from it. Once you join the wrestling community, your first obligation is to the sport. Right now, I'm the logical guy to try to defeat Ladd. I can't turn my back on that."

"Others have turned their backs," friends pointed out.

"That's something they have to live with. I wouldn't trade what might happen to me for one of their troubled consciences. I'm too young to spend the rest of my life running away."

So against the best advice, Paul took a match against Ernie Ladd, the self-proclaimed "King of Wrestling." When Ladd signed the





Orndorff displays his exciting, charismatic style with a backdrop of Ladd. Although he lacked size, Orndorff's desire and scientific abilities enabled him to battle Ladd evenly. Paul survived all of Ladd's rulebreaking.

contract, he stared at Paul and swore, "This is the last wrestling contract you'll ever sign. Be sure to take a picture of your face before the match. That way, you'll have a photo of what you used to look

like. The only good young punk is a crippled young punk."

Paul stood up, "You'll get your chance," he stated. He began to walk away. He was almost out of the room when he added, "Words

are cheap, just like the people who use them to threaten."

Paul didn't wait to hear the curses Ladd shouted after his departure.

The night of the match, both men were in superb condition. Paul was nervous and wasn't ashamed to admit it. An occasional tight smile crossed the set features of his face, but most of the time he was studiously serious. It was a determined young man who left the dressing room and headed for the arena ring.

Once within the ropes, Paul flexed his muscles to warm up. Then Ladd entered, a murderous monarch regally approaching the field of battle. He laughed at Paul and shouted, "I hope you like hospitals!"

The bell rang. Ladd strutted toward his foe. He grabbed, but Paul slipped from his grasp. Ladd didn't seem too upset about it.

But as the match wore on, Ladd learned to be upset. Paul was not only brilliant defensively, but his offensive moves made Ernie run for cover. The king began to worry for his kingdom.

When Ladd gets worried, he gets mean. There was a three-minute period in the match in which Ladd displayed some of the most despicable maneuvers in wrestling history. Paul not only turned them back, but he had Ladd retreating!

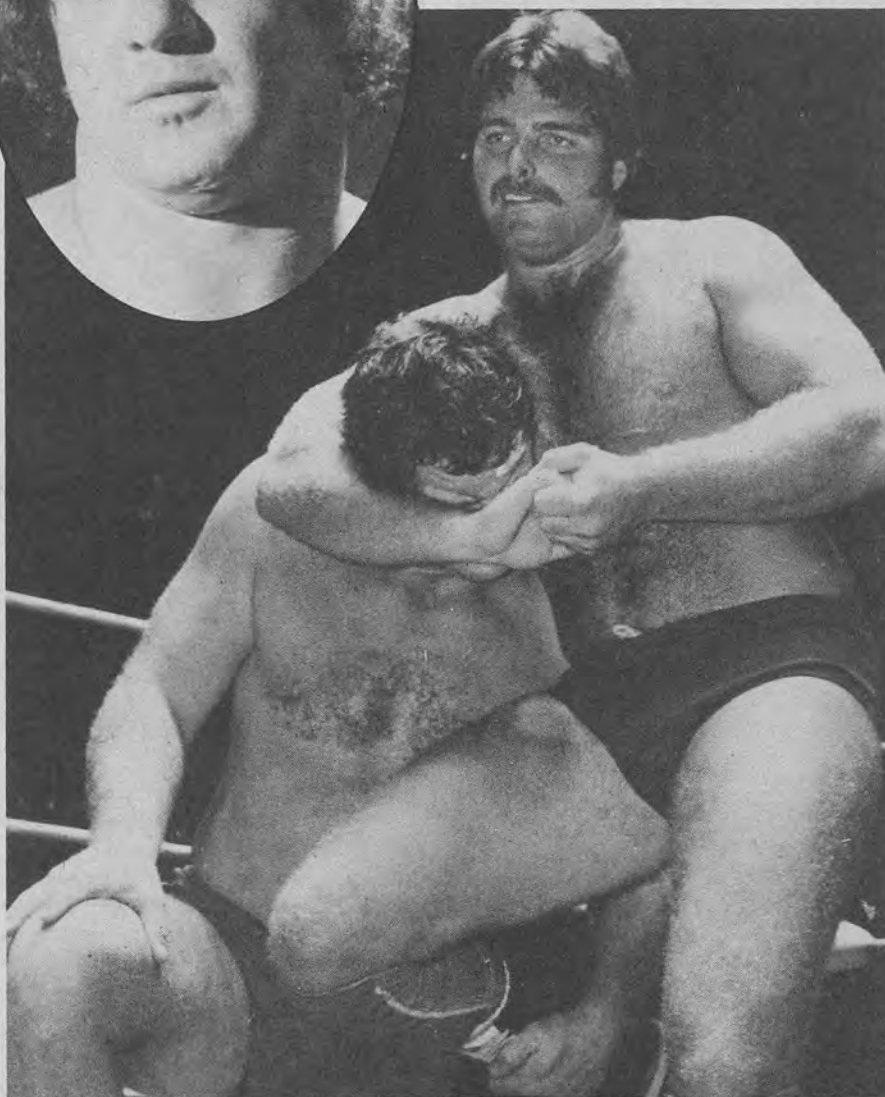
Until the bell rang, signifying the time limit and a draw. Paul was magnificent. Ladd used every trick in his book of evil, but none were successful. When the buzzer sounded, Ladd didn't even wait for the referee to announce a draw; he simply stormed out of the arena.

Paul Orndorff had not only survived against Ernie Ladd, he had been splendid. All of a sudden, this young man joined the ranks of wrestling's top stars. For more than a decade, people have been searching for the man to drive Ernie Ladd from wrestling.

Paul Orndorff may be the man wrestling has been praying for. □

THIS SHOULDN'T BE TERRY FUNK'S LAST MATCH

Raymond Rougeau is in total control as he applies pressure to a side headlock (below) against Terry Funk. Was this Terry Funk's farewell appearance?



NOTHING IS MORE pathetic than the sight of a great athlete reduced to mocking ineffectiveness. Watching a boxer pummeled by a foe whom he would have destroyed years ago, or a batter spinning around after missing a fastball which would've left the stadium five years ago, gores a sad sore in a fan's heart.

Some athletes permit themselves to go out that way. Fortunately, Terry Funk is far from finished.

His maneuvers are still sharp. His instincts still true. As before, Terry Funk is a champ, whether he wears a belt or not.

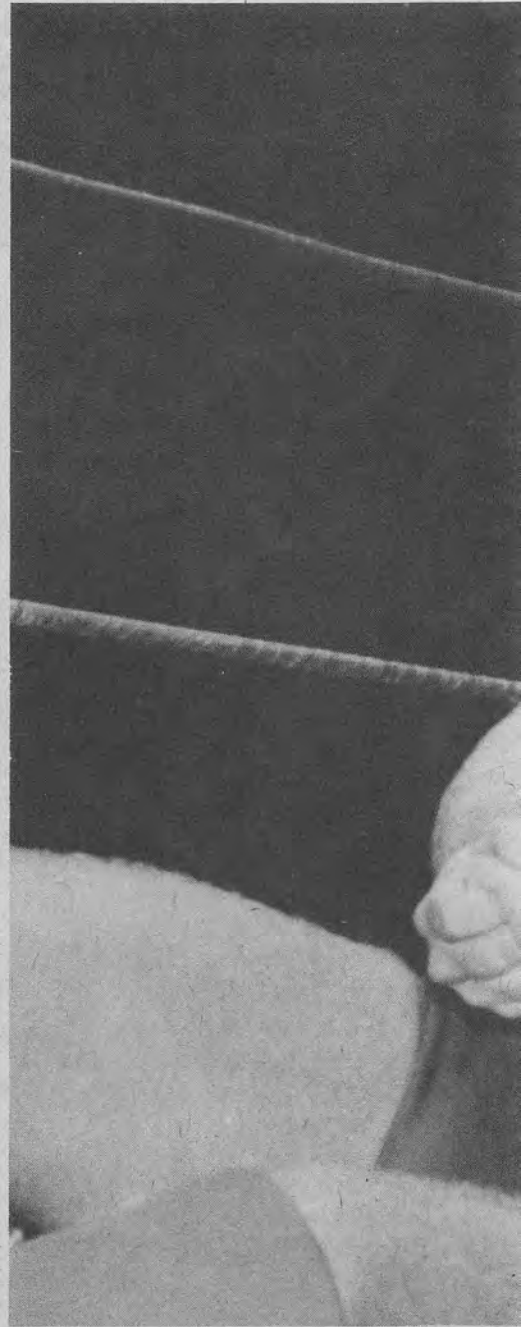
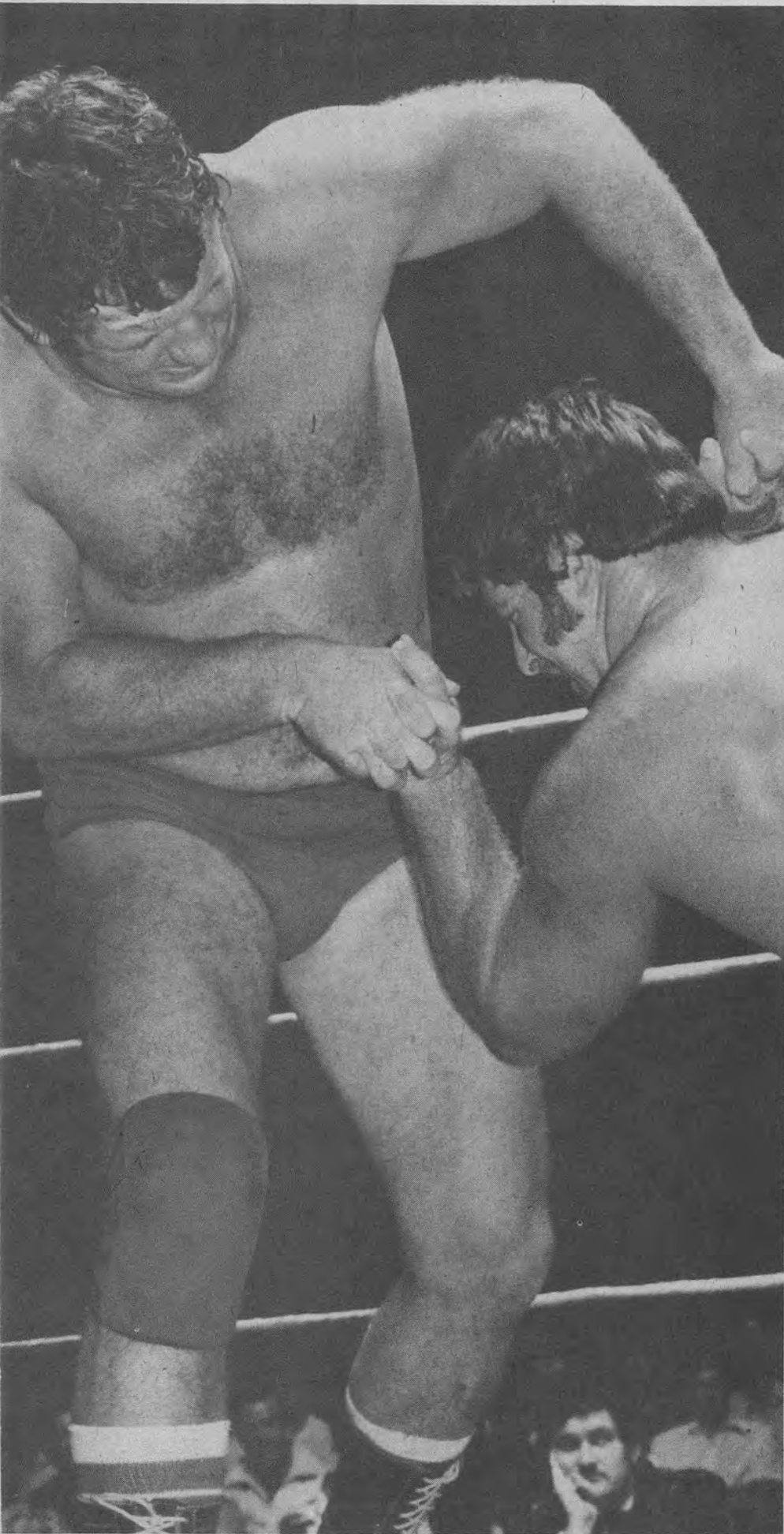
But against Raymond Rougeau, Funk was ineffective. Uneventful. Cruel. Utterly unlike the Funk fans have grown to respect, if not love.

Every wrestler has bad nights. But this wasn't just any night, any match or any foe.

This may have been Terry Funk's last professional wrestling match. It can't end like this.

A talented and versatile man, Funk claims he's leaving wrestling to devote himself to movies. His new screenplay has been accepted by Hollywood. The path was greased by his

Attracted by the bright lights and non-stop action of a Hollywood movie set, Terry Funk has retired from wrestling. But in his final match, Funk's conduct was horrible. Don't quit, Terry. We don't want to remember you this way



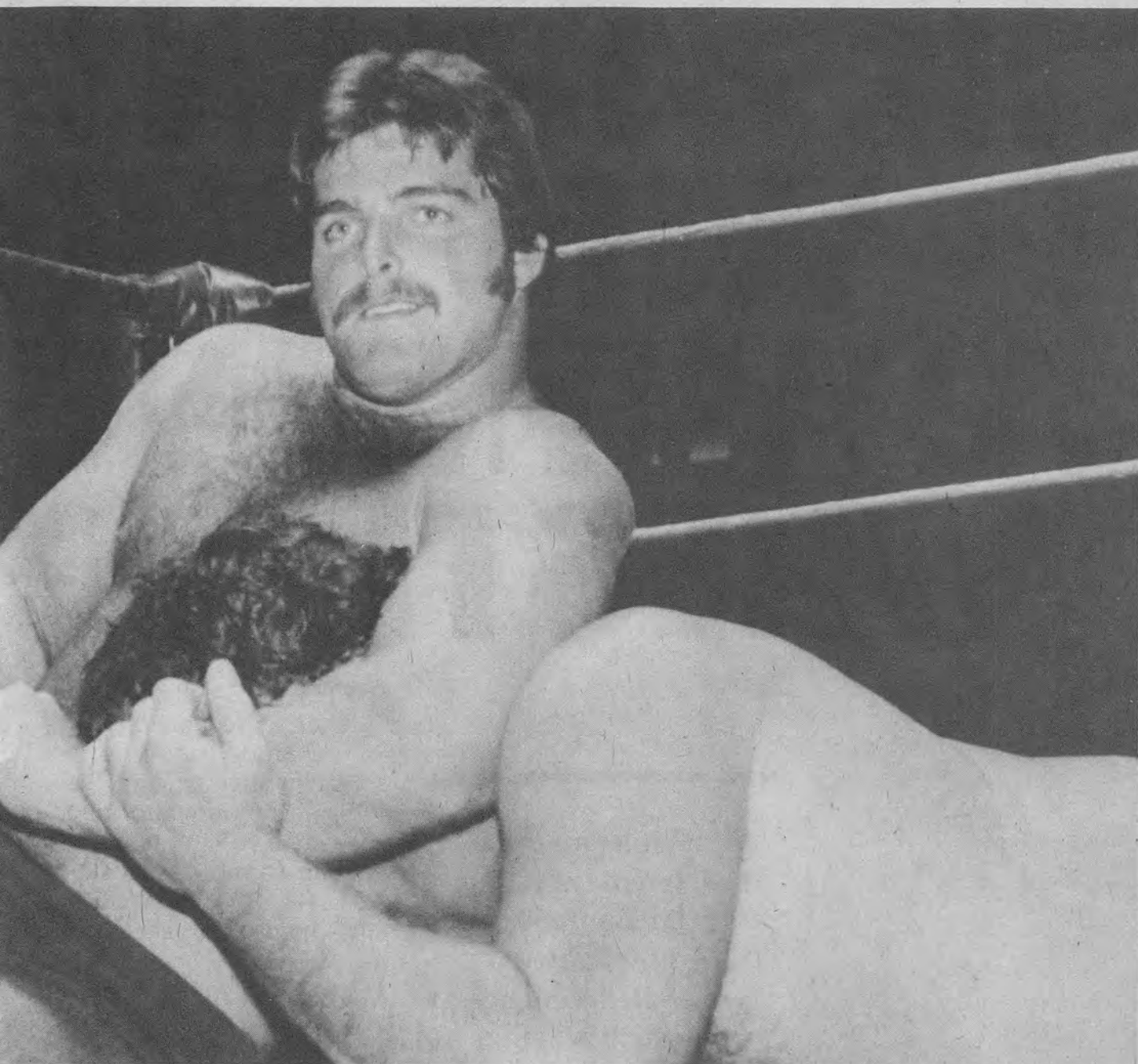
In a fierce test of strength, Funk has a temporary advantage (left). But Terry wrestled with a lack of the old Funk fire. Rougeau was back in control soon enough with another headlock (above). With a budding Hollywood career, Funk may forever leave the squared circle.

compelling performance in "Paradise Alley."

Despite the disappointed cries of wrestling fans, Funk seems determined to abandon grappling.

Not like this, Terry. You can only tarnish the memories by making this match your last.

Remember the night you beat



Jack Brisco for the NWA title? Your words were a symphonic triumph.

"This is for my dad, Dory," whispered Terry.

Or all the passionate wars you waged with both Briscos? Those matches earned you a place in wrestling history. For sheer brilliance, nothing can ever compare.

Yes, pages of genius fill the book of Terry Funk. Nights of delirious triumph, moments of bitter defeat.

It was in Toronto that you suffered your most harsh loss.

Against Harley Race, you succumbed to an Indian Death Lock. With that defeat, both your spirit and belt vanished.

But the title was a tangible thing someone could win. No one could rob you of your pride. You fought back from that stunning evening and re-established yourself as one of the greats.

"I'll get the title back," Terry Funk once vowed.

You never regained the title, but you fixed a distinct portrait in the public mind.

There were no delicate

pastels of orange or powder blue. Only hard, fiery swashes of dark brown, beet red determination, navy blue triumph and grayish despair.

You are a canvas of a man, a total man, a consummate pro. Your future successes in Hollywood can only add to the portrait.

Should you permit this last match to remain as your wrestling farewell, an uncharacteristic black line will forever besmirch the portrait of Terry Funk, the wrestler.

And Terry Funk, the man. □

THE VIOLENT WHO SHO APARTMENT WRESTLING



Cynthia has Martina on the carpet at the beginning of the encounter (above).

While many apartment wrestling encounters are highlighted by controlled violence, one such meeting was not. There was nothing controlled about the fury in a recent match that shook the very foundations of the unpredictable sport

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workouts to regain the strength in Keirn's leg. At times, his emotional stability was severely tested.

"There were times," he recalled, "when I just felt like leaving the weights behind and collapsing in the corner of the gym. I never wanted to leave wrestling, but the endless work involved to return to my former condition often got me down.

"When I would get depressed, I would just think of Pak Song and how happy he would be if I called it quits or returned at less than 100%. I also realized what I owed to Mike (Graham) and to my fans. They were so good to me throughout my recuperating period. I could never let them down.

Keirn twists the arm of a helpless foe (above). After a particularly vicious battle, Keirn is exhausted and bloody (right). Keirn is once again a top Florida mat star. He still teams with best friend Mike Graham in tag teams.

Although Keirn will not admit it, the leg is still a problem. In several tag team matches, rulebreakers like Jos Leduc and Pak Song have tried to concentrate on the leg. Although the broken bones are fully healed, the psychological effects are evident.

"Steve is a little protective of the leg," partner Graham points out. "Actually, he realizes there is no need to be, but he can't help it. The rulebreakers are picking on it and

he knows it. I've tried to carry the bulk of the work since we've won the title, but Steve won't let me. He says everything was 50-50 before he got hurt, so everything will be 50-50 now. What can I tell you? He's a hell of a partner."

What does the future hold for Steve Keirn? He had been a success and a champion at a young age. His is a success as a champion and as a young veteran after an injury almost ended his career. What will follow?



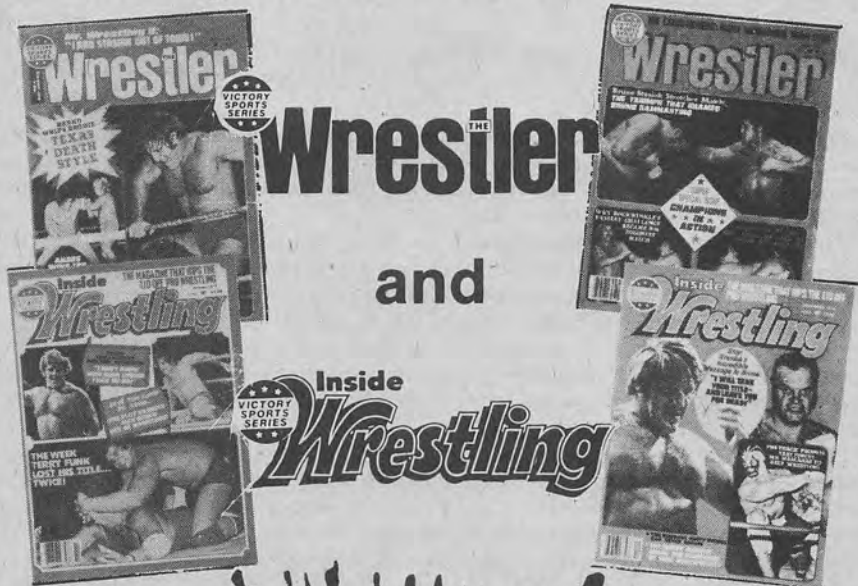
"I'd like to enjoy a long and fruitful title reign with Mike as Florida tag team champions," answered Keirn. "The competition is always rugged and complacency will never set in."

"Of course, my individual wrestling career is important too. Some day, maybe soon, I'd like to give Harley Race a go for the NWA championship. That is a day to look forward to."

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THE TATTLER

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the first time I fail to make a successful title defense, somebody else will be getting the opportunity to defend the belt on TV each week—if he wants to."

Another factor, more important than money, was Garvin's disdain of the way many champions behave in and out of the ring.

"Being champion is a heady responsibility," Garvin said. "I'm not saying you're like a saint, but you have to act like a champion."

"One of the things you must do is give everyone a chance. And you can't resort to disqualifying yourself, like Race does."

"I'm proud to be Florida heavyweight champ and I will promise only one thing: I'll never disgrace the title."

—Barry Simon

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"You need two things to get the public eye on you. One is talent. Obviously, I've got a suitcase full of that. Already some people are calling me the greatest wrestler who ever lived.

"Secondly is personality. You take drab buffoons like Bruiser and Harley Race and what have you got? Dull city, man. I've got life and vitality. People come to see me, not other boring wrestlers."

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—Buddy Ford

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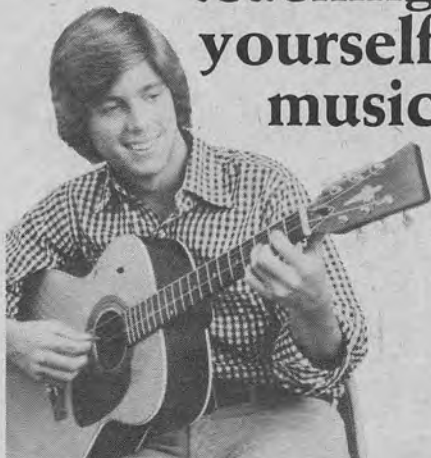
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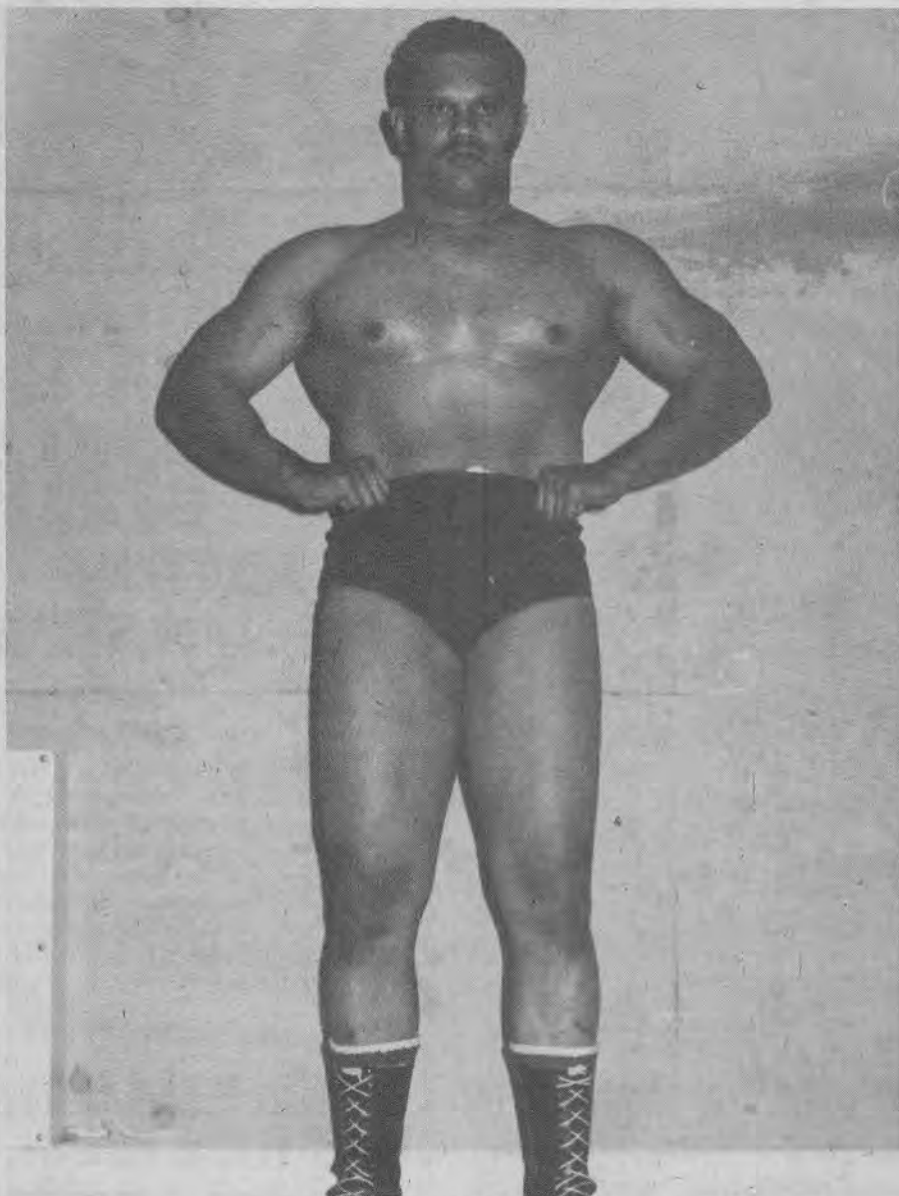
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THE TATTLER

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VICTOR RIVERA

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Believe it or not, it was Victor Rivera against Bulldog Brower. When the participants were announced, a gasp went through the crowd.

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—Kevin McCloud □

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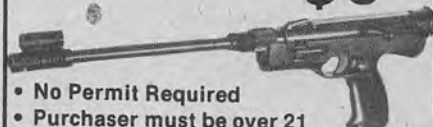
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RIC FLAIR

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Flair applies a rare scientific hold against a prone McDaniel (above). Ric usually resorts to gutter brawling tactics in the squared circle. Flair continues to own an advantage as he applies an armlock (below).



was set. Only through a serious loss of face could McDaniel change his mind. Not that he planned to.

"Ric Flair is a coward. He ducks every top contender. He cheats and lies. He'll fall apart the first time I put a hold on him, the little coward," McDaniel said spitefully.

McDaniel has a reputation for

honesty. In this case, it's honesty spiced with ambition.

The McDaniel-Flair feud was one of the Mid-Atlantic area's bloodiest. Since McDaniel left for Georgia, they haven't wrestled. Not once.

Of course, it's not like they are star-crossed lovers. More like two suns eclipsed by hate.

McDaniel's tale is that Flair refused to come to Georgia because he was *afraid*.

"The promoters offered him a pile of dough," insisted Wahoo. "The guy has a yellow streak, that's all there is."

Flair says if there was an offer, The Invisible Man tendered it and Casper the Ghost delivered it.

"What offer?" Flair shouted.

Wrestlers have one key word which blots out all prior commitments, financial considerations and personal convictions.

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McDaniel knew this. He wanted Ric Flair. He put out the bait. Nothing fancy, simply a bewitching odor he knew would attract Flair.

It did. Their titantic Georgia battle is testimony to Flair's rage.

Courage consists of more than the willingness to take risks. How one acts while undertaking those risks is another barometer of courage.



Wahoo McDaniel suplexes Ric Flair. The scientific maneuvers in this encounter were limited. Both wrestlers resorted to numerous instances of brawling.

On that level, Flair receives a mixed score. But so does McDaniel.

Enraged with anger, Flair immediately assaulted McDaniel upon entering the ring. That was expected. Perhaps even justifiable.

McDaniel's brawling style was not. He originated the challenge, yet acted like the injured party. In little time, both men were tangled in unbelievable brutality.

When it was over, Ric Flair disproved McDaniel's charge of cowardice. Wahoo had his coveted match. But were they, or wrestling, really better for it? ☐

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BRUNO SAMMARTINO

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Koloff drives a boot to Sammartino's neck. The "Russian Bear" is a rugged competitor and rates as one of Bruno's most dangerous opponents of all time. Koloff would like to become the first wrestler to ever defeat Sammartino twice. But Bruno always grapples brilliantly against Koloff.

"In the end, all a man has is the way people remember him. I don't want people to remember that loss. I must avenge it convincingly. It must be an awesome victory. Awesome.

"I know it sounds egotistical. It is egotistical. But there's some things in life a man has to do for himself. This is the one thing I have to do for me. After Koloff, I'll be happy to retire. But not until then."

But what if it's too late? A recurrence of the neck injury could cripple Bruno for life. His doctors stress that fact when they beg him to retire.

"I've taken chances all my life," Bruno answers, "and I'm not about to change now. I'd rather be crippled than spend the rest of my life knowing I wouldn't wrestle Koloff. Mobility is a small price to pay for pride."

As Bruno is obsessed with Koloff, Koloff is obsessed with Bruno. Ivan will go anywhere, anytime to wrestle Sammartino. Friends say Ivan is also looking to posterity.

"He wants one big win over Sammartino," a friend believes. "That way, history will remember him as the only man to ever beat

Bruno twice. He'll be regarded on a par with Sammartino. For the next 100 years, people will argue about which wrestler was better. Now, they'll only remember Sammartino.

"Sure, Koloff is jealous. And he hates Sammartino. It's scary to hear him talk about the guy. I've seen Ivan punch a hole through the wall when Sammartino's name is mentioned.

"You'd expect it, I guess. Koloff is everything Bruno hates and Sammartino is everything Koloff hates. As long as one is wrestling, the other will want to wrestle him. The only way it'll end is if they both retire, or one of them is injured permanently. I'll put my money on permanent injury."

The pair has found it difficult to find a promoter willing to sign them to a match. "If two years ago," one promoter remarks, "someone said I wouldn't sign a match I knew would sell out the house, I'd have that guy put away. But I just turned down a match between Sammartino and Koloff. I'm not that greedy. Nothing I can do will ever risk Bruno Sammartino's health. I'll gladly sign Bruno to wrestle anyone but Koloff. When those two get together, it's too scary for me."

Many other promoters feel the same way. To obtain a contract to wrestle Koloff, Bruno has to collect on past favors. Even then, the promoter tries to talk him out of it.

"Bruno saved by job five years ago," one promoter states. "I owe him my livelihood. So when he asked, as a favor, if he could wrestle Koloff in my arena, I had to say yes. But I begged him not to. Literally begged. When it comes to Koloff, Bruno just won't listen to reason."

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as Valentine broke Strongbow's leg in a malicious, sadistic act.

All I pray for now is someone to come along, a big, tough wrestler, and twist off Valentine's head. Maybe Andre the Giant could do it. I tell you something, Bruno Sammartino would teach that little creature a lesson he'd never forget.

FRED LYNCH

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ME, TOO, BRUNO

Bruno Sammartino, you're not the only one who had a friend turn traitor. If it's any consolation, others have had moments like "The Night Bruno Sammartino Wanted To Cry" (July 1979).

My former friend Larry turned on me over an exhaust system we both wanted for our cars. One minute, best of buddies, the next, eternal foes.

One spring night, me and Larry got into an awful fight. I kicked him around pretty good, but I felt no joy. Sometimes victory is hollow. I understand, Bruno. Believe me, I understand your grief over having to attack Victor Rivera.

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Walter Stack of Cleveland sympathizes with Bruno Sammartino. Stack had a friend turn on him, much like Victor Rivera's betrayal of Bruno.

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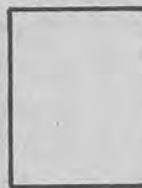
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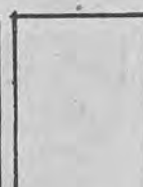
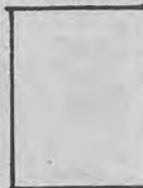
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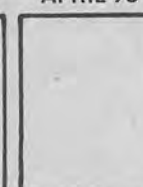
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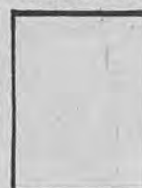
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Cynthia uses all her strength while applying an effective chokehold (above). Martina tortures her opponent (right).

magazine. I'm sure many people will be interested in witnessing this. If possible, I'd like to have you wrestle next week. I can promise you an opponent you'll find challenging."

"Just name the time and place!" Cynthia exclaimed. "I can't wait."

"I'll be in touch with you very soon."

Moll was good to his word. Within a week, he set up a match for the young woman. The voluptuous redhead would be wrestling Martina, a sensually splendid blonde with a respectable wrestling reputation. The bout would take place in Moll's penthouse, a singular honor in itself. The guest list was select; only Moll's most trusted friends were invited.

Cynthia arrived an hour early. She waited in the bedroom, adjusting and readjusting her bikini, setting

her hair perfectly, and going through a series of exercises. All this time, she stared in the mirror, repeating the chant, "I am where I want to be. I am where I want to be."

Martina came in 15 minutes before the match began. With orderly precision, she prepared for battle. For most of her adult life, Martina was a secretary at a large brokerage house. She lived for the nights when she was special, her nights as an apartment wrestler.



Though her beauty exceeded her skill, she was ruthlessly tough.

The moment arrived. The two women faced each other across the Persian rug. Martina's sophistication contrasted with Cynthia's unbridled excitement. Moll gave the word. The match began.

From the opening moments, it became obvious

this match was too furious to last long. Cynthia rushed at her opponent, grabbing the platinum blonde in a crushing bearhug. Martina's splendid body writhed and squirmed as Cynthia mercilessly squeezed. Martina only escaped by smashing her fists repeatedly into Cynthia's face.

Though the punches broke the hold, there was no let up in the action. Cynthia's arms slid down her foe's body. When the redhead's arms grabbed Martina's knees, Cynthia tackled her opponent. Martina's head cracked against the floor. Cynthia grabbed Martina's legs and began to twist. The blonde's lithe legs were forcibly contorted into grotesque positions.

But Cynthia grew over-anxious in her bloodlust. The redhead bent over her foe. Martina saw her chance. Quickly, she drove her heel hard into Cynthia's temple. The gorgeous redhead stumbled across the room in a slow-motion dance. Martina leaped to her feet in pursuit.

In one swift motion, Martina drove her head into Cynthia's belly. The redhead's body doubled over and back, and she lay almost motionless on the carpet. Martina reached down and grabbed her victim's arm, almost ripping it from the shoulder socket as she twisted Cynthia's to her back. With a yell of brutality, Martina dragged her foe across the carpet. Cynthia screamed in pain as the carpet burned her chest and

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belly. Then Martina dropped her foe's arm and drove a foot hard into the inside of Cynthia's thigh. The redhead twitched in agony as she absorbed the savage punishment.

Martina fell upon her foe, wrapping her arms around Cynthia's ears in a crushing headlock. The blonde's arms strained as she increased the pressure. Cynthia's face was smothered in her tormentor's chest. The two bodies twisted and kicked across the carpet; one determined to conquer and one struggling to survive.

Martina screamed as Cynthia's head shook back and forth. The tormented woman had dug her teeth into her tormentor's chest. Martina flung her fists into Cynthia's face, hoping to force open her jaw. The blonde's agony was written like a mask of pain upon her exquisitely chiseled features.

As she bit, Cynthia dug her nails into Martina's side, raking red welts along the victim's alabaster skin. Martina writhed to get free, trying desperately to end the pain. Clenching her hands, Martina powered them into Cynthia's neck. Cynthia's jaw opened and Martina jerked her body away. Though the skin wasn't broken, Martina's chest was an ugly shade of red from the biting. The blonde didn't notice, and rolled away.

Then, on all fours like a cat, she sprang at Cynthia. The redhead, bent over, never



Spreading her foe's lithe legs, Martina takes complete control of the match. Martina was the wicked winner.

saw her coming. Martina's knee drove up hard into her victim's chin. Cynthia's head snapped back and her jaw flew open, slack from pain. Martina grabbed the redhead by the hair and yanked her across the room. Then, she lifted Cynthia's leg and almost threw her victim over. Cynthia was still reeling from pain when Martina leaped and sat down hard, landing with full force on Cynthia's belly. The "ugh" Cynthia gasped was heard around the room. Her breath had been knocked from her.

Martina grabbed her victim's legs and leaned back. She rocked and stretched, torturing the muscles in Cynthia's legs. At the same time, she twisted Cynthia's ankles, which forced the redhead's entire body to turn and squirm. One began to wonder if Cynthia now regretted the day she wrote to Dave Moll.

Still holding on to Cynthia's ankles, Martina leaped to her feet and stood proud and tall over her foe. She looked down at her victim; a proud Amazon glaring at her prey. Cynthia's stared into her conqueror's eyes.

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"You don't beg well enough." Martina kicked Cynthia in the groin. It was a fast and hard kick, taking no more than an instant. But sometimes, an instant is all it takes.

Cynthia let out a piteous scream. Tears streaked her face as she writhed around the carpet. Gasping for breath, her eyes rolling senselessly, her tongue lolling out, Cynthia's beauty was now a grotesque and pitiable thing. She tried to choke back the sobs, but she couldn't.

The match was over. No one had the stomach to witness any more. Two men gently lifted the bruised and battered beauty and carried her into the bedroom. One of the spectators, a respected doctor, examined her for injuries.

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"Then I can wrestle again?"

"Then you can wrestle again."

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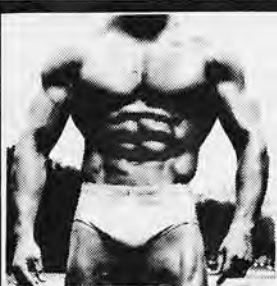
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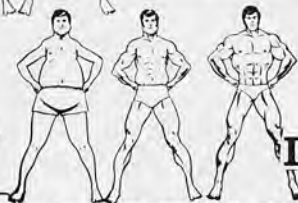
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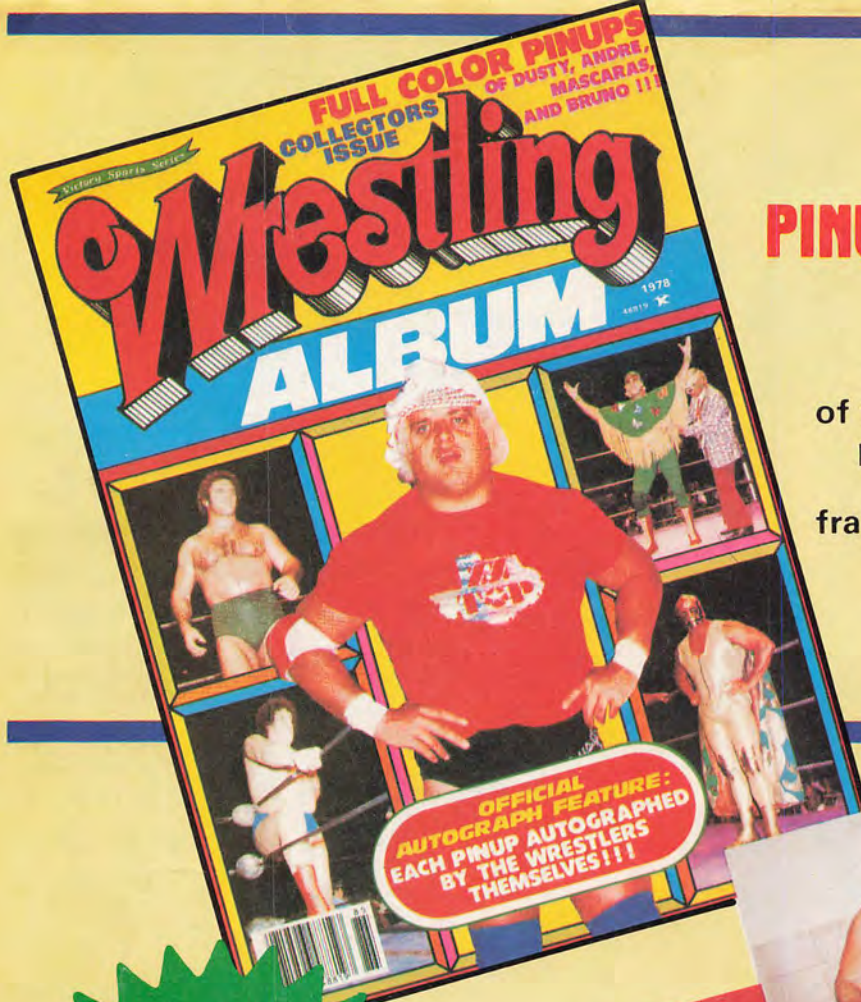
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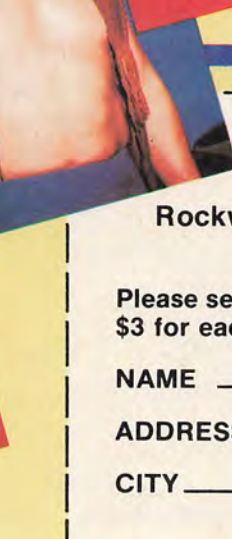
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